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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

MAINE LEADS THE NATION AND NEW ENGLAND IN THE CONCENTRATION OF PRECISION PRODUCTION, CRAFT, AND REPAIR WORKERS; AND MACHINE OPERATORS, ASSEMBLERS, AND INSPECTORS; AND TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIAL MOVING OCCUPATIONS

ACCORDING TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, WORKERS IN MAINE ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE EMPLOYED IN PRECISION PRODUCTION, CRAFT, AND REPAIR OCCUPATIONS; MACHINE OPERATING, ASSEMBLING, AND INSPECTING OCCUPATIONS; AND TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIAL MOVING OCCUPATIONS THAN THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE REST OF NEW ENGLAND OR THE NATION. IN 1984, 30.7 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S WORKERS WERE EMPLOYED IN THESE OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES COMPARED TO 25.2 PERCENT IN NEW ENGLAND AND 24.3 PERCENT NATIONALLY.

A TOTAL OF 13.5 PERCENT OF MAINE WORKERS WERE EMPLOYED IN PRECISION PRODUCTION, CRAFT, AND REPAIR OCCUPATIONS COMPARED WITH 12.6 PERCENT IN NEW ENGLAND AND 12.4 PERCENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN MACHINE OPERATING, ASSEMBLING, AND INSPECTING OCCUPATIONS ACCOUNTED FOR 12.4 PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE, 9.2 PERCENT FOR NEW ENGLAND, AND 7.6 PERCENT FOR THE NATION. THE HIGHER CONCENTRATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE IS DUE IN PART TO ABOVE-AVERAGE GROWTH IN HIGH-TECH METALS AND MACHINERY INDUSTRIES AND SHIPBUILDING.

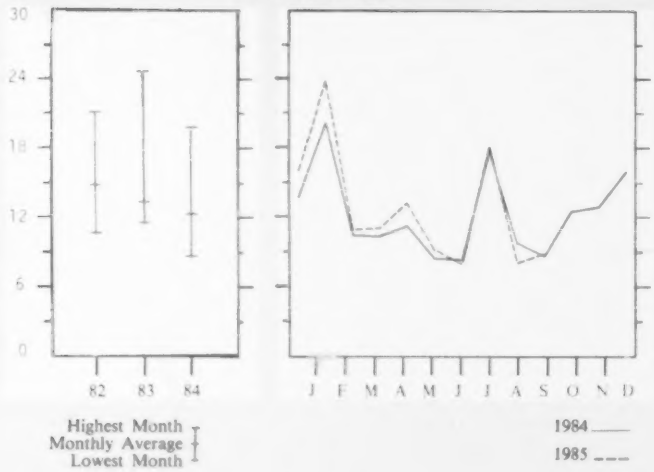
MAINE ALSO HAD A HIGHER CONCENTRATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIAL MOVING OCCUPATIONS, WITH 4.8 PERCENT OF MAINE WORKERS EMPLOYED IN THIS CATEGORY COMPARED TO 3.4 PERCENT IN NEW ENGLAND AND 4.3 PERCENT NATIONWIDE. THIS MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO RECENT EMPLOYMENT EXPANSIONS IN MOTOR FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION -- LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE TRUCKING AND WAREHOUSING, AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH, 20 UNION STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330, OR CALL (207) 289-2271.

Labor Market Information Services

UI Initial Claims

in Thousands



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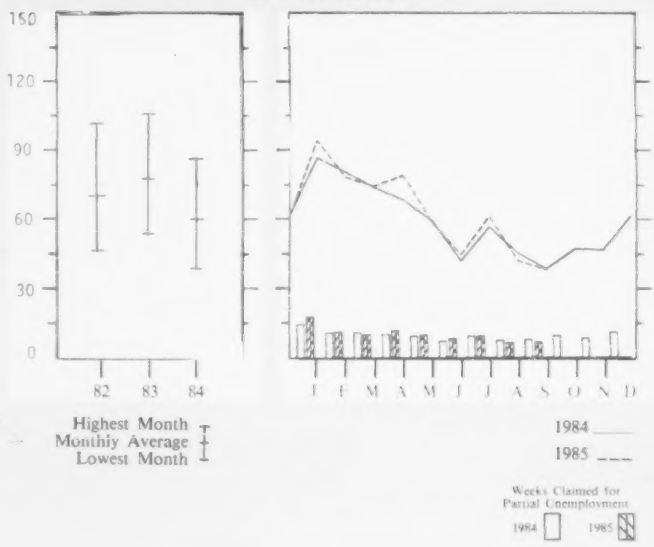
in Thousands



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PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT FOR SELECTED OCCUPATIONS BY SEX
MAINE, NEW ENGLAND, UNITED STATES
ANNUAL AVERAGE, 1984

OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION	TOTAL			MALE			FEMALE		
	ME.	N.E.	U.S.	ME.	N.E.	U.S.	ME.	N.E.	U.S.
PRECISION PRODUCTION, CRAFT, AND REPAIR	13.5	12.6	12.4	22.2	20.4	20.2	3.0	2.9	2.4
MACHINE OPERATORS, ASSEMBLERS, AND INSPECTORS	12.4	9.2	7.6	11.6	9.1	8.0	13.2	9.4	7.1
TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIAL MOVING	4.8	3.4	4.3	8.1	5.8	6.9	0.4	0.6	0.8

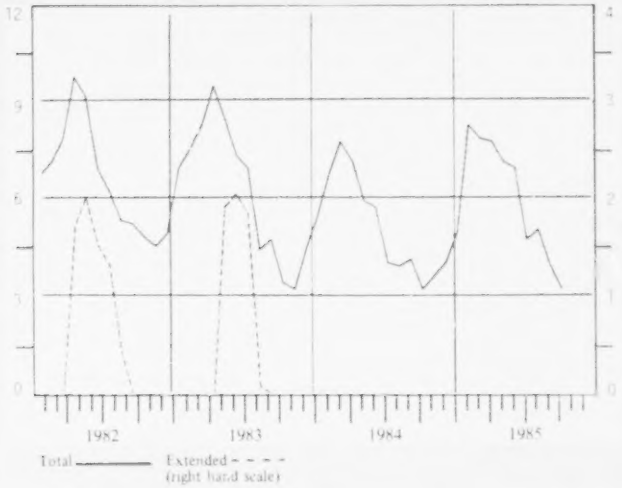
SOURCE: NEWS RELEASE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, BOSTON REGIONAL OFFICE, AUGUST 13, 1985.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

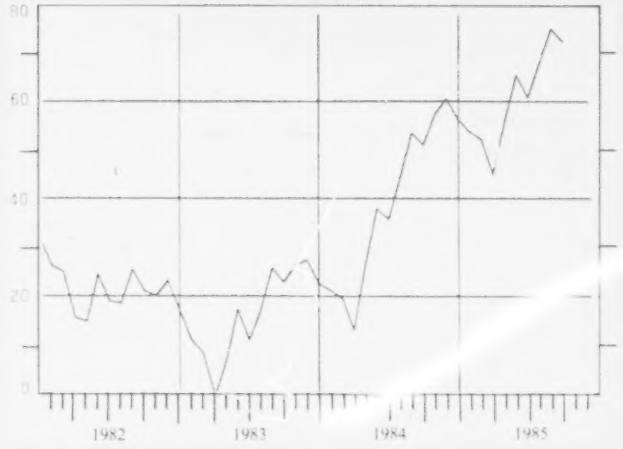
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	464.5	469.9	457.5	106.1	106.7	103.9	37.4	36.9	36.6
Total Manufacturing	109.0	108.1	111.4	15.5	16.6	16.5	10.7	10.8	11.3
Durable Goods	40.6	40.7	39.6	7.1	7.1	6.8	2.5	2.6	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	15.0	15.1	13.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.4
Machinery, except Electrical	3.9	3.9	4.2	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.5	9.6	9.6	2.1	2.2	2.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
Transportation Equipment	4.9	4.8	4.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	*	*	*
Other Durable Goods 3/	3.8	3.7	3.7	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	62.4	64.4	65.8	8.4	9.5	9.5	8.2	8.2	8.9
Food and Kindred Products	9.3	9.5	9.4	1.6	1.9	1.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	7.1	7.1	7.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.4	1.4	1.5
Apparel	4.2	4.2	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.6	17.8	18.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.7	0.7	0.7
Printing and Publishing	4.7	4.7	4.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.3	4.2	3.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.6
Leather and Leather Products	13.7	15.0	17.1	1.7	1.6	1.7	2.7	2.7	3.5
Footwear (except Rubber)	12.1	13.3	14.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.7	2.7	2.9
Other Leather Products	2.6	2.7	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.5	0.5	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.5	1.6	1.7	4.3	5.0	4.9	0.1	0.1	0.2
Total Nonmanufacturing	361.5	364.8	345.9	90.6	91.1	87.4	26.7	26.1	25.3
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	25.2	24.7	21.6	6.3	6.2	5.6	1.8	1.8	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	20.2	20.3	20.0	5.8	5.9	5.7	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	21.1	21.3	20.8	6.0	6.1	5.8	2.1	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	90.7	94.2	87.5	27.9	28.0	25.4	6.7	6.7	6.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	20.9	21.1	20.1	6.4	6.4	6.0	1.8	1.8	1.7
Services	97.9	104.0	93.5	24.0	25.6	23.9	9.4	9.1	8.7
Government	85.3	79.0	82.4	13.4	12.9	13.0	3.5	3.2	3.4
Federal	18.4	18.6	19.1	1.6	1.7	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	66.9	60.4	64.1	11.8	11.2	11.4	3.2	2.9	3.1
Involved in Labor-Management Dispute	4.6	4.6	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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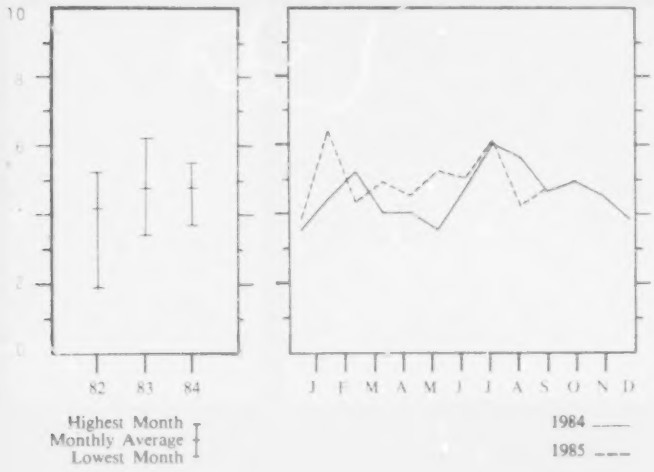
New Applications For Work

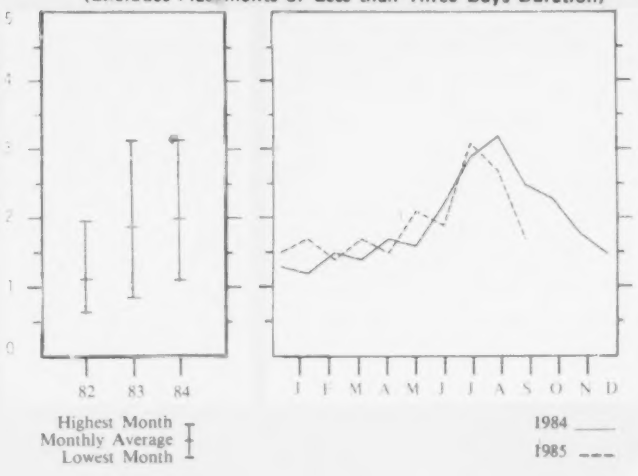
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1984	1983	1982
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$329.57	$329.85	$329.64	39.9	40.1	40.2	$8.26	$ 8.16	$8.20	$8.05	$ 7.61	$7.22
Durable Goods	324.39	331.70	342.72	39.5	40.6	40.8	8.13	8.17	8.40	8.22	8.04	7.59
Lumber and Wood Products	330.03	343.99	322.64	40.1	41.0	41.1	8.25	8.39	7.85	7.57	7.37	6.87
Primary and Fabricated Metals	342.70	350.27	317.02	41.5	40.4	40.8	8.26	8.67	7.77	7.89	7.75	7.62
Machinery, except Electrical	378.97	364.83	364.42	41.0	40.9	41.6	9.17	8.92	8.76	8.36	8.08	7.52
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	293.04	288.00	301.43	37.2	36.4	39.3	7.63	7.55	7.67	7.56	7.27	6.74
Other Durable Goods	326.90	335.33	400.20	41.6	42.5	41.3	7.86	7.89	9.69	9.51	9.31	8.84
Nondurable Goods	332.77	326.00	320.79	39.3	40.0	39.8	8.34	8.15	8.06	7.95	7.37	7.00
Food and Kindred Products	243.30	249.80	234.61	37.1	39.4	36.6	6.56	6.34	6.41	6.46	6.10	5.84
Textile Mill Products	279.47	275.93	260.41	41.9	41.0	41.4	6.67	6.72	6.29	6.13	5.87	5.49
Apparel	206.12	204.06	202.21	35.6	36.0	36.5	5.79	5.83	5.54	5.55	5.39	5.23
Paper and Allied Products	554.16	545.23	531.63	43.6	44.4	44.6	12.71	12.28	11.92	11.62	10.95	10.10
Leather and Leather Products	220.13	215.76	206.70	37.5	37.2	36.2	5.87	5.80	5.71	5.80	5.59	5.46
Other Nondurable Goods	288.41	284.06	291.51	39.4	38.7	40.6	7.32	7.34	7.18	7.11	6.60	6.23
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	372.30	385.04	309.70	36.5	38.9	38.3	8.83	8.87	8.06	8.08	7.67	7.19
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	264.96	258.41	248.07	38.4	38.8	37.2	6.54	6.66	6.69	6.58	6.16	5.96

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	245.7	250.9	243.3
Unemployed	12.2	13.1	15.6
(Percent)	5.0%	5.2%	6.4%
Resident Employed	233.6	237.8	227.6

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items	324.5	323.5	314.5	315.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.9%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	566.0	577.7	578.8	544.2	554.5	550.8	21.8	23.2	28.0	3.9	4.0	4.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	46,600	47,400	46,400	45,100	45,900	44,500	1,500	1,500	1,900	3.2	3.2	4.1
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,600	42,200	42,400	39,500	40,000	39,700	2,100	2,200	2,700	5.0	5.2	6.4
Portland MSA	104,100	107,600	104,700	101,500	105,000	101,300	2,600	2,600	3,400	2.5	2.4	3.2
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	108,450	110,760	107,000	105,410	106,930	102,370	3,040	3,830	4,630	2.8	3.5	4.3
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,610	31,280	31,310	29,450	30,120	29,800	1,160	1,160	1,510	3.8	3.7	4.8
Bath-Brunswick	25,060	25,280	26,100	24,270	24,350	25,190	790	930	910	3.2	3.7	3.5
Belfast	11,020	11,170	11,350	10,290	10,270	10,550	730	900	800	6.6	8.1	7.0
Biddeford	24,870	26,350	24,240	24,010	25,440	23,120	860	910	1,120	3.5	3.5	4.6
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	10,870	11,120	9,910	10,550	10,770	9,540	320	350	370	2.9	3.1	3.7
Calais-Eastport	15,610	19,620	17,060	14,910	18,810	15,980	700	810	1,080	4.5	4.1	6.3
Caribou-Presque Isle	27,630	22,320	28,530	26,040	20,860	25,820	1,590	1,460	2,710	5.8	6.5	9.5
Central Penobscot	4,460	4,590	4,390	4,300	4,410	4,230	160	180	160	3.6	3.9	3.6
Dover-Foxcroft	6,540	6,650	6,720	6,280	6,340	6,360	260	310	360	4.0	4.7	5.4
Ellsworth	24,700	28,770	24,690	24,030	28,010	23,830	670	760	860	2.7	2.6	3.5
Farmington	12,780	12,560	13,300	11,930	11,700	12,330	850	860	970	6.7	6.8	7.3
Fort Kent-Allagash	8,470	6,270	10,340	8,090	5,920	9,840	380	350	500	4.5	5.6	4.8
Greenville	1,570	1,660	1,690	1,510	1,590	1,580	60	70	110	3.8	4.2	6.5
Houlton	7,520	5,950	8,660	7,150	5,580	8,190	370	370	470	4.9	6.2	5.4
Kittery-York 3/	24,000	24,810	23,340	23,760	24,540	22,960	240	270	380	1.0	1.1	1.6
Lincoln-Howland	6,330	6,370	6,190	6,010	6,100	5,940	320	270	250	5.1	4.2	4.0
Livermore Falls	3,720	3,590	4,400	3,440	3,310	4,020	280	280	380	7.5	7.8	8.6
Madawaska-Van Buren	5,590	4,490	6,510	5,340	4,250	6,110	250	240	400	4.5	5.3	6.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,470	5,650	5,440	5,250	5,490	5,250	220	160	190	4.0	2.8	3.5
Norway-Paris	9,040	9,610	9,340	8,590	9,080	8,710	450	530	630	5.0	5.5	6.7
Patten-Island Falls	3,730	3,070	3,950	3,600	2,940	3,800	130	130	150	3.5	4.2	3.8
Rockland	19,190	19,900	20,150	18,560	19,170	19,390	630	730	760	3.3	3.7	3.8
Rumford	9,670	9,920	9,810	9,200	9,370	9,070	470	550	740	4.9	5.5	7.5
Sanford	12,990	13,560	13,400	12,190	12,690	12,710	800	870	690	6.2	6.4	5.1
Sebago Lakes Region	10,050	12,360	9,980	9,730	12,030	9,560	320	330	420	3.2	2.7	4.2
Skowhegan	22,120	22,670	23,580	20,920	21,260	22,150	1,200	1,410	1,430	5.4	6.2	6.1
Southwest Penobscot	8,410	8,490	8,510	7,840	7,860	7,890	570	630	620	6.8	7.4	7.3
Waterville	21,890	22,360	22,440	21,010	21,390	21,370	880	970	1,070	4.0	4.3	4.8
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,726.2	1,678.4	n/a	1,637.4	1,606.5	n/a	88.8	71.8	n/a	5.1	4.3
Massachusetts	3,066.0	3,119.0	3,047.5	2,946.0	3,004.0	2,910.1	121.0	115.0	137.5	3.9	3.7	4.5
New Hampshire	541.7	550.6	531.5	526.6	532.0	513.9	15.1	18.6	17.6	2.8	3.4	3.3
Rhode Island	508.8	508.2	498.2	489.1	487.1	475.7	19.7	21.1	22.5	3.9	4.2	4.5
Vermont	277.9	275.2	276.9	266.6	262.7	267.1	11.3	12.5	9.8	4.1	4.5	3.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,179.2	6,032.5	n/a	5,923.2	5,773.3	n/a	256.0	259.2	n/a	4.1	4.3
UNITED STATES 4/	115,850	116,679	113,843	107,867	108,628	105,792	7,984	8,051	8,051	6.9	6.9	7.1

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimant	6,901	7,966	7,440	921	857	904	756	857	936
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.9	1.7	1.7	0.9	1.0	0.9	2.2	2.5	2.9

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	6.6	8.0	9.3
Clerical and Sales	16.5	17.8	18.7
Service	7.4	8.6	9.6
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.6	1.7	1.0
Processing	4.5	4.6	6.3
Machine Trades	18.7	16.1	15.3
Benchwork	20.2	21.3	15.3
Structural Work	9.0	9.6	10.1
Miscellaneous	12.0	12.1	12.4

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	56.6	57.3	54.5
Under 22	6.0	5.2	6.6
22-24	9.2	9.7	9.6
25-34	29.1	29.9	27.9
35-39	12.3	11.5	10.4
Total 40 and Over	43.4	42.7	46.5
40-44	9.0	9.0	7.8
45-54	14.2	13.7	13.4
55-64	11.0	11.0	11.1
65 and Over	9.2	9.0	13.2

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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AN ATLAS OF THE RESOURCES OF MAINE

"THE PEOPLE OF MAINE" IS THE LATEST VOLUME OF AN ATLAS OF THE RESOURCES OF MAINE TO BE PUBLISHED BY THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND ADVANCED STUDY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE, WITH CARL VEAZIE AS EDITOR. LIKE ITS PREDECESSOR, "THE ECONOMY OF MAINE," "THE PEOPLE OF MAINE" TAKES A DETAILED LOOK AT IMPORTANT RESOURCES OF THE STATE. DATA FOR THE ATLAS WAS GATHERED FROM MANY FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT MAINE.

THE EARLIER VOLUME, "THE ECONOMY OF MAINE," DESCRIBES AN ECONOMY AS "THE SYSTEM BY WHICH...WE EARN AND SPEND OUR MONEY." TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF MAINE'S ECONOMY, THE PUBLICATION DISCUSSES GROSS VALUE OF GOODS AND SERVICES PRODUCED, WAGES AND EARNINGS, SIZE OF ESTABLISHMENTS, INDUSTRIAL COMPETITION, AND MULTIPLIERS. THEN EACH OF THE MAJOR INDUSTRIES AND INDUSTRIAL GROUPS ARE REVIEWED IN TERMS OF GROWTH AND GROWTH POTENTIAL, PRODUCT VALUE, EMPLOYMENT, AND GEOGRAPHIC CONCENTRATION.

"THE PEOPLE OF MAINE" COVERS MAINE HISTORY AND POPULATION GROWTH AS WELL AS MORE CONTEMPORARY ISSUES SUCH AS EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, INCOME, LEISURE ACTIVITIES, AND HOUSING. A SECTION ON MAINE'S LABOR FORCE INCLUDES FULL- AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, OCCUPATIONS, WAGES, AND EARNINGS. THE GOVERNMENT SECTION COVERS THE STRUCTURE OF MAINE'S LEGISLATIVE AND PLANNING DISTRICTS, LOCAL AND STATE INCOMES AND EXPENDITURES, AND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. A FINAL SECTION ON PUBLIC POLICIES AND PROBLEMS ADDRESSES SOME IMPORTANT ISSUES WHICH WILL AFFECT THE STATE'S FUTURE.

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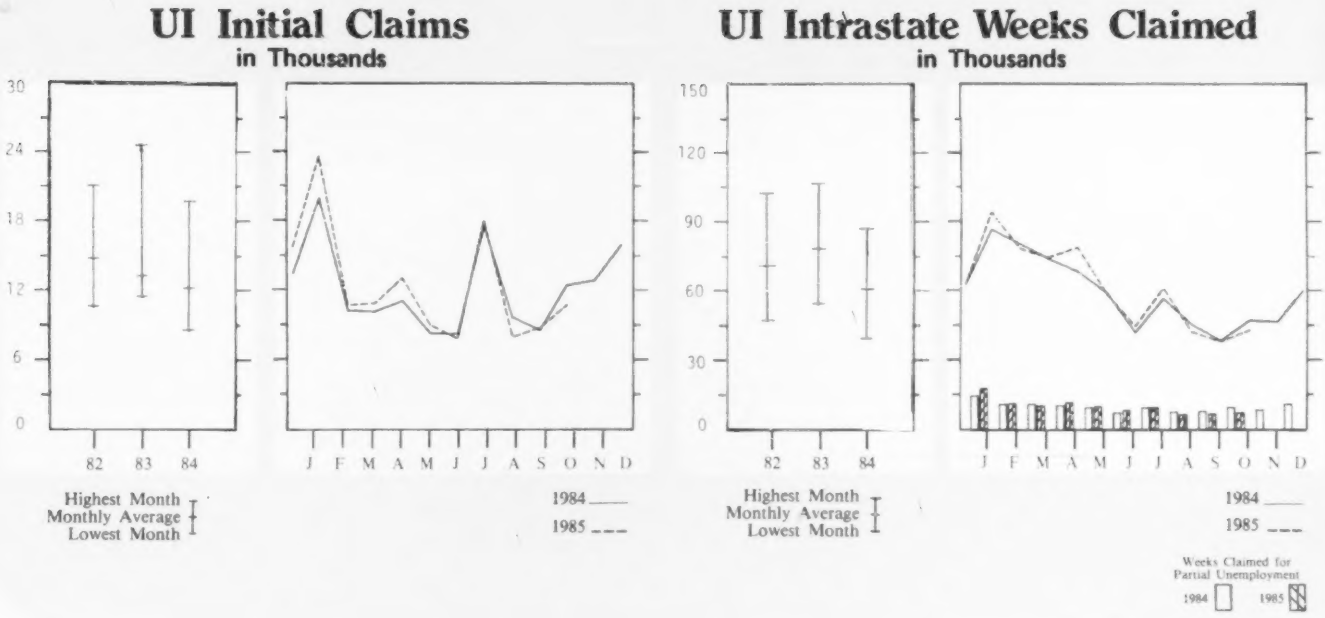

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THE BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH WAS PLEASED TO PROVIDE FUNDS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ATLAS OF THE RESOURCES OF MAINE. FINANCIAL SUPPORT WAS ALSO RECEIVED FROM THE G.G. MONKS FOUNDATION, THE EXXON CORPORATION, AND THE MAINE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION. COPIES OF "THE ECONOMY OF MAINE" ARE AVAILABLE AT A COST OF $2.50 EACH, OR $1.50 EACH FOR 10 OR MORE COPIES. A STATISTICAL SUPPLEMENT OF OVER 80 PAGES IS AVAILABLE FOR $1.00. "THE PEOPLE OF MAINE" CARRIES A COST OF $3.00 EACH FOR SINGLE COPIES, OR $2.00 FOR 10 OR MORE. THE STATISTICAL SUPPLEMENT FOR "THE PEOPLE OF MAINE" COSTS $1.00, OR $.50 EACH FOR ORDERS OF 10 OR MORE. CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE "UNIVERSITY OF MAINE" AND SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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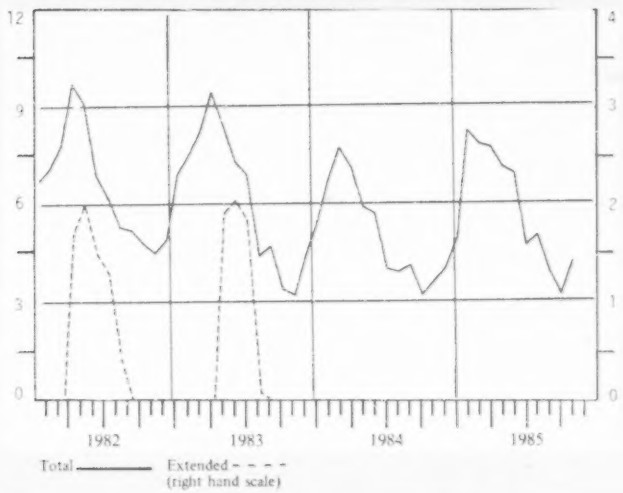
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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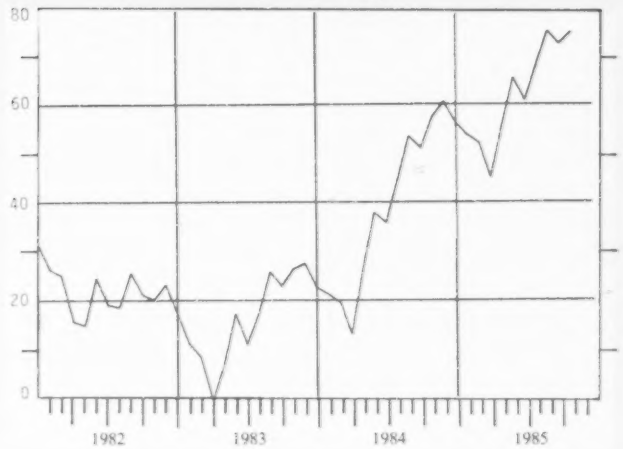
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	464.3	464.5	456.0	107.1	106.1	104.7	37.5	37.4	36.7
Total Manufacturing	105.2	103.0	111.0	16.0	15.5	16.[illegible]	10.6	10.7	11.2
Durable Goods	43.8	40.6	45.7	7.6	7.1	8.1	2.5	2.5	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	15.0	15.0	14.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.6	3.6	3.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7
Machinery, except Electrical	3.7	3.9	4.2	1.8	1.9	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.4	9.5	9.6	3.1	3.1	3.4	0.8	0.9	0.9
Transportation Equipment	8.4	4.8	9.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.1	*	0.1
Other Durable Goods 3/	3.7	3.8	3.6	1.2	0.6	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	61.4	62.4	65.3	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.1	8.2	8.8
Food and Kindred Products	8.2	8.3	8.6	1.8	1.8	1.9	0.9	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	7.0	7.1	6.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.4	1.5
Apparel	4.3	4.2	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.2	17.6	17.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.7	0.7	0.7
Printing and Publishing	4.8	4.7	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.5
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.2	4.3	4.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.7
Leather and Leather Products	14.3	14.7	17.3	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.7	2.7	3.4
Footwear (except Rubber)	11.7	12.1	14.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.1	2.2	2.8
Other Leather Products	2.6	2.6	3.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.5	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.4	1.5	1.3	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.1	0.1	0.2
Total Nonmanufacturing	359.1	361.5	345.0	91.1	90.6	88.2	26.9	26.7	85.5
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	*	*	0.0
Contract Construction	24.4	25.2	21.0	6.2	6.3	5.6	1.7	1.8	1.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.9	20.7	19.6	5.7	5.8	5.7	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	20.9	21.1	20.6	7.9	8.0	7.8	2.0	2.1	2.0
Retail Trade	87.7	90.7	84.5	22.6	22.9	22.3	6.9	6.7	6.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	20.9	20.9	19.9	9.4	9.4	9.0	1.8	1.8	1.7
Services	96.4	97.9	92.5	24.5	24.9	23.4	9.5	9.4	8.8
Government	88.7	85.3	86.7	14.8	13.4	14.4	3.6	3.5	3.5
Federal	18.6	18.4	18.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	70.1	66.9	68.3	13.2	11.8	12.8	3.3	3.2	3.2
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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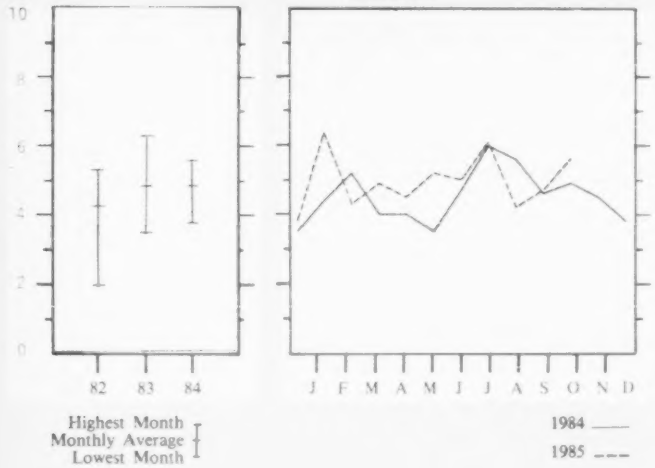
New Applications For Work

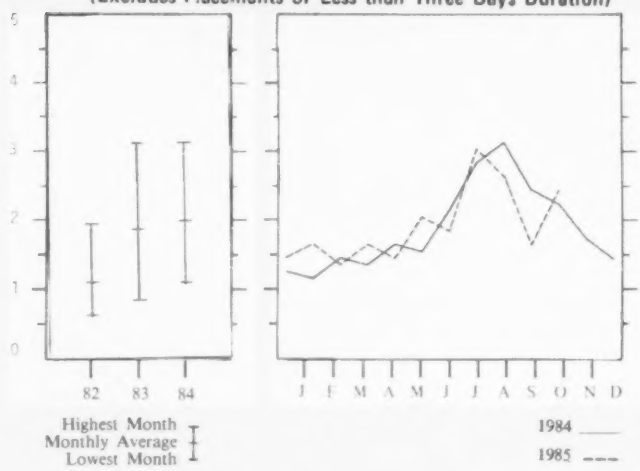
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1984	1983	1982
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$333.43	$329.67	$329.15	39.6	39.9	39.8	$8.42	$8.26	$8.27	$8.05	$7.61	$7.22
Durable Goods	332.13	324.39	344.29	38.8	39.9	40.6	8.56	8.13	8.48	8.22	8.04	7.59
Lumber and Wood Products	341.65	330.83	323.21	40.1	40.1	40.3	8.52	8.25	8.02	7.57	7.37	6.87
Primary and Fabricated Metals	352.70	342.79	320.30	42.7	41.5	42.2	8.26	8.26	7.59	7.89	7.75	7.62
Machinery, except Electrical	372.37	376.97	370.13	40.3	41.0	42.3	9.24	9.17	8.75	8.36	8.08	7.52
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	281.98	283.84	299.92	37.2	37.2	38.9	7.58	7.63	7.71	7.56	7.27	6.74
Other Durable Goods	326.16	326.90	401.70	36.0	41.6	41.2	9.06	7.86	9.75	9.51	9.31	8.84
Nondurable Goods	334.03	332.77	319.51	40.1	39.9	39.3	8.33	8.34	8.13	7.95	7.37	7.00
Food and Kindred Products	245.16	243.38	230.75	36.7	37.1	35.5	6.68	6.56	6.50	6.46	6.10	5.84
Textile Mill Products	268.66	279.47	258.96	40.4	41.9	41.5	6.65	6.67	6.24	6.13	5.97	5.49
Apparel	208.80	206.12	197.38	36.0	35.6	35.5	5.80	5.79	5.56	5.55	5.39	5.23
Paper and Allied Products	548.34	554.16	532.22	44.4	43.6	44.5	12.35	12.71	11.96	11.62	10.95	10.10
Leather and Leather Products	218.25	220.13	206.26	37.5	37.5	35.5	5.82	5.87	5.81	5.80	5.59	5.46
Other Nondurable Goods	312.83	288.41	287.56	41.0	39.4	39.5	7.63	7.32	7.28	7.11	6.60	6.22
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	341.30	322.30	319.73	38.1	36.5	38.2	8.96	8.83	8.37	8.08	7.67	7.19
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	258.61	254.98	249.28	38.2	38.4	38.0	6.77	6.64	6.56	6.58	6.16	5.96

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	239.8	245.7	241.3
Unemployed	11.6	12.2	15.6
(Percent)	4.8%	5.0%	6.5%
Resident Employed	228.2	233.6	225.7

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	325.5	324.5	315.3	315.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+3.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	545.8	566.0	557.2	524.7	544.2	529.5	21.1	21.8	27.7	3.9	3.9	5.0
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	48,000	46,600	48,000	46,400	45,100	46,000	1,600	1,500	2,000	3.3	3.2	4.2
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,400	41,600	42,300	39,400	39,500	39,600	2,000	2,100	2,700	4.8	5.0	6.4
Portland MSA	104,300	104,100	105,800	101,800	101,500	102,100	2,500	2,600	3,700	2.4	2.5	3.5
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	105,560	108,450	103,500	102,860	105,410	99,260	2,700	3,040	4,240	2.6	2.8	4.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,060	30,610	30,980	28,780	29,450	29,380	1,280	1,160	1,600	4.3	3.8	5.2
Bath-Brunswick	24,100	25,060	26,280	23,320	24,270	25,370	780	790	910	3.2	3.2	3.5
Belfast	10,490	11,020	11,340	9,780	10,290	10,500	710	730	840	6.8	6.6	7.4
Biddeford	24,130	24,870	23,680	23,330	24,010	22,440	800	860	1,240	3.3	3.5	5.2
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	10,050	10,870	9,150	9,720	10,550	8,790	330	320	360	3.3	2.9	3.9
Calais-Eastport	15,110	15,610	15,990	14,360	14,910	14,950	750	700	1,040	5.0	4.5	6.5
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,910	27,630	21,390	19,740	26,040	19,610	1,170	1,590	1,780	5.6	5.8	8.3
Central Penobscot	4,520	4,460	4,430	4,340	4,300	4,230	180	160	200	4.0	3.6	4.5
Dover-Foxcroft	6,550	6,540	6,690	6,270	6,280	6,330	280	260	360	4.3	4.0	5.4
Ellsworth	23,450	24,700	22,950	22,790	24,030	22,010	660	670	940	2.8	2.7	4.1
Farmington	12,660	12,780	13,440	11,830	11,930	12,440	830	850	1,000	6.6	6.7	7.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,940	8,470	6,470	5,660	8,090	6,130	280	380	340	4.7	4.5	5.3
Greenville	1,440	1,570	1,740	1,380	1,510	1,630	60	60	110	4.2	3.8	6.3
Houlton	5,290	7,520	5,400	5,040	7,150	5,100	250	370	300	4.7	4.9	5.6
Kittery-York 3/	23,350	24,000	22,700	23,120	23,760	22,290	230	240	410	1.0	1.0	1.8
Lincoln-Howland	6,220	6,330	6,330	5,920	6,010	5,980	300	320	350	4.8	5.1	5.5
Livermore Falls	3,440	3,720	4,050	3,190	3,440	3,690	250	280	360	7.3	7.5	8.9
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,180	5,590	4,520	3,930	5,340	4,240	250	250	280	6.0	4.5	6.2
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,430	5,470	5,430	5,240	5,250	5,230	190	220	200	3.5	4.0	3.7
Norway-Paris	9,130	9,040	9,050	8,650	8,590	8,430	480	450	620	5.3	5.0	6.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,740	3,730	2,620	2,650	3,600	2,510	90	130	110	3.3	3.5	4.2
Rockland	18,530	19,190	19,600	17,960	18,560	18,760	570	630	840	3.1	3.3	4.3
Rumford	9,560	9,670	9,910	9,130	9,200	9,150	430	470	760	4.5	4.9	7.7
Sanford	12,780	12,990	13,440	11,930	12,190	12,750	850	800	690	6.7	6.2	5.1
Sebago Lakes Region	10,120	10,050	9,730	9,820	9,730	9,320	300	320	410	3.0	3.2	4.2
Skowhegan	21,940	22,120	23,010	20,750	20,920	21,490	1,190	1,200	1,520	5.4	5.4	6.6
Southwest Penobscot	8,420	8,410	8,400	7,840	7,840	7,790	580	570	610	6.9	6.8	7.3
Waterville	21,500	21,890	22,360	20,580	21,010	21,230	920	880	1,130	4.3	4.0	5.1
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,709.7	1,686.0	n/a	1,630.7	1,616.0	n/a	79.0	70.0	n/a	4.6	4.2
Massachusetts	3,040.0	3,066.0	3,053.6	2,925.0	2,946.0	2,949.5	115.0	121.0	104.1	3.8	3.9	3.4
New Hampshire	540.3	541.7	529.0	526.4	526.6	512.2	13.9	15.1	16.8	2.6	2.8	3.2
Rhode Island	509.4	508.8	500.6	490.2	489.1	478.5	19.2	19.7	22.1	3.8	3.9	4.4
Vermont	282.5	277.9	279.0	271.5	266.6	269.7	10.9	11.3	9.3	3.9	4.1	3.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,105.1	6,048.2	n/a	5,859.0	5,825.9	n/a	246.1	222.3	n/a	4.0	3.7
UNITED STATES 4/	116,346	115,850	114,250	108,428	107,867	106,262	7,917	7,984	7,989	6.8	6.9	7.0

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary, year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	7,490	6,901	7,259	797	931	936	859	756	914
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.7	1.5	1.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	2.3	2.0	2.5

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	6.3	6.8	5.0
Clerical and Sales	13.4	16.5	19.3
Service	6.7	7.4	10.3
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.6	1.6	1.3
Processing	3.3	4.8	6.0
Machine Trades	20.2	18.7	16.0
Benchwork	26.1	23.2	16.4
Structural Work	10.3	9.0	9.5
Miscellaneous	11.1	12.0	12.1

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	55.0	56.6	55.2
Under 22	5.8	6.0	6.7
22-24	9.7	9.2	10.5
25-34	27.9	29.1	27.6
35-39	11.7	12.3	10.4
Total 40 and Over	45.0	43.4	44.8
40-44	9.0	9.0	8.2
45-54	14.1	14.2	13.9
55-64	11.0	11.0	10.7
65 and Over	10.9	9.2	12.9

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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ABOVE-AVERAGE NUMBER OF MAINE PERSONS WORKING PART-TIME FOR ECONOMIC REASONS

MORE THAN 1.2 MILLION NEW ENGLANDERS WERE EMPLOYED ON A PART-TIME BASIS DURING 1984. OF THIS NUMBER, MORE THAN 245,000 WERE WORKING PART-TIME FOR ECONOMIC REASONS. THESE DATA, AS WELL AS OTHER LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT DATA FOR STATES AND MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS, ARE AVAILABLE ANNUALLY FROM THE CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS BUREAU FOR THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

DURING 1984, APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF ALL NEW ENGLANDERS WHO WERE WORKING PART-TIME WERE DOING SO INVOLUNTARILY BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC REASONS. ECONOMIC REASONS INCLUDE: THE INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGES, SLACK WORK, AND REPAIRS TO PLANT AND EQUIPMENT. NATIONALLY, MORE THAN 28 PERCENT OF PART-TIMERS WERE ON LESS THAN FULL-TIME SCHEDULES FOR ECONOMIC REASONS. WITHIN NEW ENGLAND, MAINE, WITH OVER 28 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL PART-TIME EMPLOYED DESIRING WORK ON FULL-TIME SCHEDULES, HAD THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF INVOLUNTARY PART-TIME WORKERS. CONNECTICUT HAD THE LOWEST PERCENTAGE OF THESE WORKERS IN THE REGION, WITH NEARLY 17 PERCENT.

THERE WERE SHARP DIFFERENCES IN THE INCIDENCE OF PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN. WITHIN NEW ENGLAND LAST YEAR, 31 PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYED WOMEN WERE WORKING PART-TIME, 83 PERCENT OF THEM VOLUNTARILY. AMONG EMPLOYED MEN IN THE REGION, HOWEVER, ONLY 10.7 PERCENT WERE WORKING PART-TIME SCHEDULES, WITH MORE THAN ONE QUARTER OF THEM WORKING PART-TIME BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC REASONS. NATIONALLY, A SOMEWHAT SMALLER PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN AND A LARGER PERCENTAGE OF MEN WERE ON PART-TIME SCHEDULES DURING 1984 THAN WAS THE CASE IN NEW ENGLAND.

AMONG THE NEW ENGLAND STATES, VOLUNTARY PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT WAS MOST PREVALENT IN RHODE ISLAND, MAINE, AND MASSACHUSETTS WITH 16 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE WORK FORCE CHOOSING LESS THAN A 35-HOUR WORK SCHEDULE. IN TOTAL, 15.9 PERCENT OF ALL EMPLOYED NEW ENGLANDERS AND 13.7 PERCENT OF ALL WORKERS NATIONWIDE WERE ON VOLUNTARY PART-TIME SCHEDULES LAST YEAR. THESE PERCENTAGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY CONSTANT OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS.

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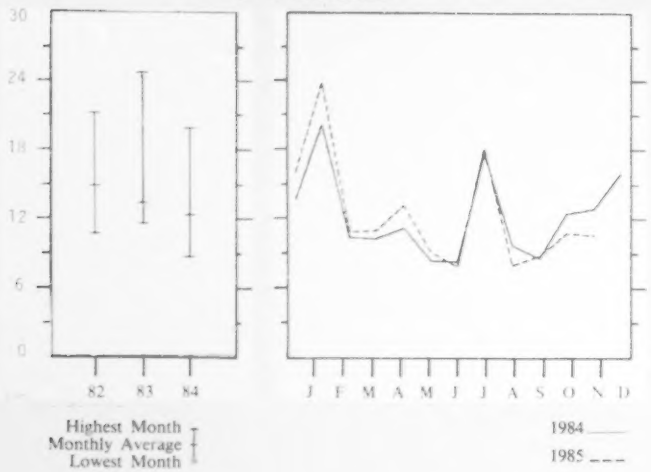
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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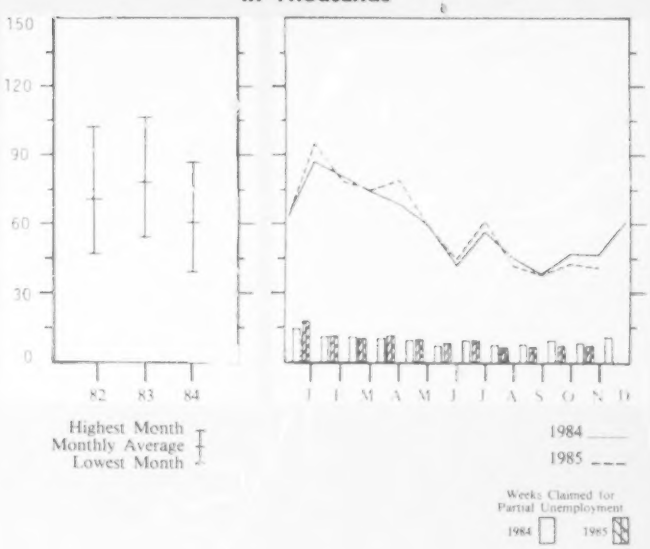
in Thousands



DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BY FULL- AND PART-TIME STATUS
1984 ANNUAL AVERAGES

Employment Status	Mass.	Conn.	R.I.	Maine	N.H.	Vt.	New England	United States
Total employment.... (in thousands)	2,906	1,595	464	518	498	255	6,236	105,005
Full-time schedules.	80.3%	81.5%	78.0%	77.6%	80.5%	79.2%	80.2%	80.8%
Part-time for economic reasons..	3.7	3.1	5.2	6.4	3.7	5.5	3.9	5.5
Voluntary part-time.	16.0	15.4	16.8	16.0	15.8	15.3	15.9	13.7

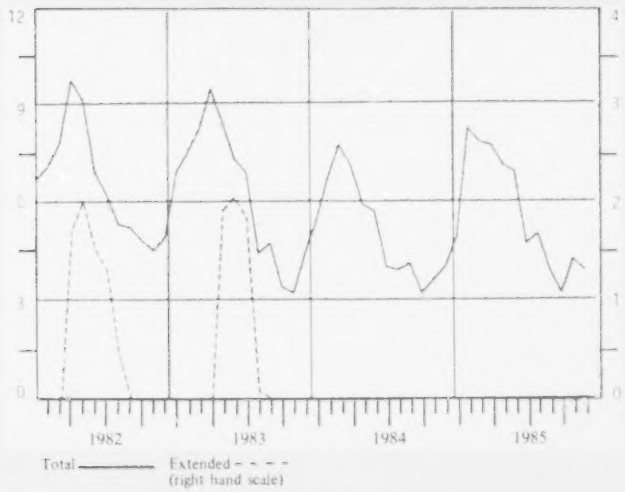
Source: Selected portions of an August 9, 1985 news release entitled "20 Percent of All Employed New Englanders Work Part-Time; One Third of Working Women are Part-Timers," published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Boston Regional Office.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

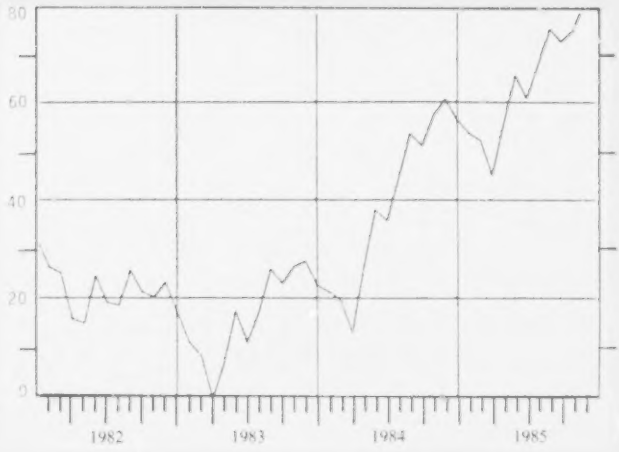
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	459.1	464.3	450.4	106.8	107.1	104.1	37.3	37.5	36.6
Total Manufacturing	104.8	105.2	109.4	16.2	16.0	16.2	10.4	10.6	11.0
Durable Goods	43.3	43.8	45.8	7.8	7.6	8.1	2.4	2.5	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	14.8	15.0	14.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.6	3.6	3.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7
Machinery, except Electrical	3.7	3.7	4.2	1.9	1.8	2.0	0.2	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.4	9.4	9.5	3.1	3.1	3.4	0.8	0.8	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.0	9.4	9.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other Durable Goods 3/	3.8	3.7	3.7	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	60.5	61.4	63.6	8.4	8.4	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.6
Food and Kindred Products	7.7	8.2	7.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	6.8	7.0	6.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.3	1.4
Apparel	4.4	4.3	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.3	17.2	17.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.7	0.7	0.7
Printing and Publishing	4.8	4.8	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.2	4.2	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.8
Leather and Leather Products	14.0	14.3	16.4	1.7	1.7	1.6	2.6	2.7	3.2
Footwear (except Rubber)	11.5	11.7	13.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.0	2.1	2.6
Other Leather Products	2.5	2.6	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.3	1.4	1.3	4.9	4.9	4.7	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	354.3	359.1	341.0	90.6	91.1	87.9	26.9	26.9	25.6
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	0.0
Contract Construction	23.3	24.4	20.2	5.9	6.2	5.4	1.7	1.7	1.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.5	19.9	19.4	5.6	5.7	5.7	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	20.8	20.9	20.3	7.9	7.9	7.8	2.0	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	86.4	87.7	83.5	22.8	22.6	22.5	7.1	6.9	6.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	20.9	20.9	20.0	9.5	9.4	9.0	1.8	1.8	1.7
Services	93.2	96.4	89.8	24.0	24.5	23.1	9.3	9.5	8.8
Government	90.0	88.7	87.7	14.9	14.8	14.4	3.6	3.6	3.5
Federal	18.7	18.6	18.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	71.3	70.1	69.3	13.3	13.2	12.8	3.3	3.3	3.2
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 36, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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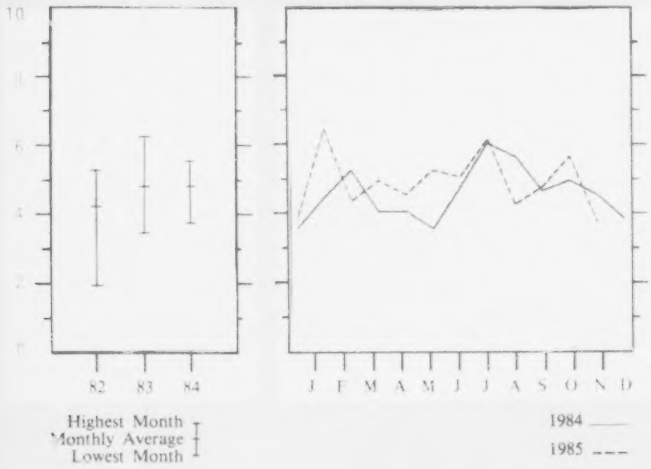
New Applications For Work

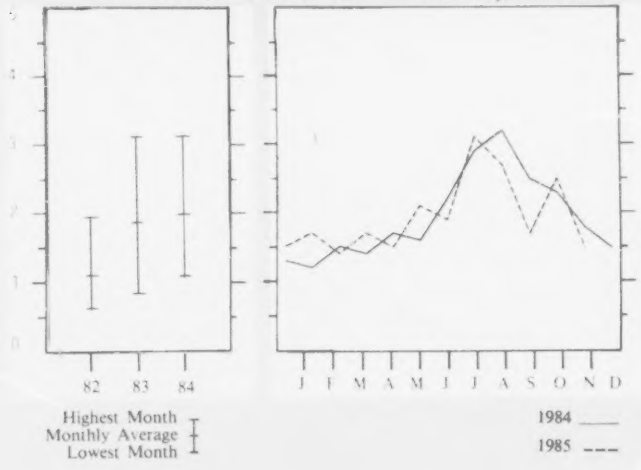
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS Year Ago	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS This Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Last Month	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS Year Ago	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS This Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Last Month	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS Year Ago	ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS 1984	1983	1982
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$349.05	$333.43	$338.85	39.8	39.6	40.1	$8.77	$8.42	$8.45	$8.05	$7.61	$7.22
Durable Goods	348.96	332.13	346.32	39.7	38.8	40.6	8.79	8.56	8.53	8.22	8.04	7.59
Lumber and Wood Products	339.55	341.65	316.41	39.3	40.1	39.7	8.64	8.52	7.97	7.57	7.37	6.87
Primary and Fabricated Metals	367.44	352.70	332.64	43.9	42.7	42.0	8.37	8.26	7.92	7.89	7.75	7.62
Machinery, except Electrical	396.45	372.37	369.34	41.6	40.3	42.6	9.53	9.24	8.67	8.36	8.08	7.52
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	288.80	281.98	296.06	38.1	37.2	38.7	7.58	7.58	7.65	7.56	7.27	6.74
Other Durable Goods	387.08	326.16	414.81	39.7	36.0	41.9	9.75	9.06	9.90	9.51	9.31	8.84
Nondurable Goods	349.52	334.03	333.92	39.9	40.1	39.8	8.76	8.33	8.39	7.95	7.37	7.00
Food and Kindred Products	245.84	245.16	243.57	36.1	36.7	36.3	6.81	6.68	6.71	6.46	6.10	5.84
Textile Mill Products	279.33	268.66	266.88	40.6	40.4	41.7	6.88	6.65	6.40	6.13	5.87	5.49
Apparel	207.77	208.80	196.42	35.7	36.0	35.2	5.82	5.80	5.58	5.55	5.39	5.23
Paper and Allied Products	594.00	548.34	558.67	45.0	44.4	45.2	13.20	12.35	12.36	11.62	10.95	10.10
Leather and Leather Products	216.71	218.25	211.77	36.3	37.5	36.2	5.97	5.82	5.85	5.80	5.59	5.46
Other Nondurable Goods	312.17	312.83	288.07	40.7	41.0	39.3	7.67	7.63	7.33	7.11	6.60	6.23
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	362.52	341.38	337.00	38.2	38.1	39.6	9.49	8.96	8.51	8.08	7.67	7.19
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	261.50	258.61	251.84	38.4	38.2	37.7	6.81	6.77	6.68	6.58	6.16	5.96

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	236.1	239.8	238.4
Unemployed	12.9	11.6	15.9
(Percent)	5.5%	4.8%	6.7%
Resident Employed	223.1	228.2	222.6

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	326.6	325.5	315.3	315.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+3.5%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.6%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	536.7	545.8	548.1	512.2	524.7	518.8	24.5	21.1	29.3	4.6	3.9	5.3
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	48,000	48,000	47,900	46,100	46,400	45,700	1,900	1,600	2,200	4.0	3.3	4.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,200	41,400	42,000	38,800	39,400	39,300	2,400	2,000	2,700	5.8	4.8	6.4
Portland MSA	103,500	104,300	104,700	100,700	101,800	101,100	2,800	2,500	3,600	2.7	2.4	3.4
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	104,940	105,560	102,980	101,960	102,860	98,210	2,986	2,700	4,770	2.8	2.6	4.6
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,820	30,060	30,830	28,490	28,780	29,270	1,330	1,280	1,560	4.5	4.3	5.1
Bath-Brunswick	24,670	24,100	26,060	23,800	23,320	25,120	870	780	940	3.5	3.2	3.6
Belfast	10,010	10,490	11,560	9,140	9,780	10,390	870	710	1,170	8.7	6.8	10.1
Biddeford	23,570	24,130	23,200	22,690	23,330	22,060	880	800	1,140	3.7	3.3	4.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	9,170	10,050	8,460	8,730	9,720	7,980	440	330	480	4.8	3.3	5.7
Calais-Eastport	14,710	15,110	15,420	13,830	14,360	14,280	880	750	1,140	6.0	5.0	7.4
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,970	20,910	21,250	19,390	19,740	19,300	1,580	1,170	1,950	7.5	5.6	9.2
Central Penobscot	4,530	4,520	4,390	4,340	4,340	4,190	190	180	200	4.2	4.0	4.6
Dover-Foxcroft	6,460	6,550	6,620	6,150	6,270	6,280	310	280	340	4.8	4.3	5.1
Ellsworth	21,280	23,450	21,520	20,350	22,790	20,220	930	660	1,300	4.4	2.8	6.0
Farmington	12,420	12,660	13,290	11,560	11,830	12,270	860	830	1,020	6.9	6.6	7.7
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,880	5,940	5,900	5,510	5,660	5,520	370	280	380	6.3	4.7	6.4
Greenville	1,440	1,440	1,740	1,350	1,380	1,610	90	60	130	6.3	4.2	7.5
Houlton	5,210	5,290	5,150	4,890	5,040	4,820	320	250	330	6.1	4.7	6.4
Kittery-York 3/	23,180	23,350	22,730	22,800	23,120	22,020	380	230	710	1.6	1.0	3.1
Lincoln-Howland	6,270	6,220	6,190	5,960	5,920	5,910	310	300	280	4.9	4.8	4.5
Livermore Falls	3,300	3,440	3,670	3,040	3,190	3,320	260	250	350	7.9	7.3	9.5
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,090	4,180	4,200	3,810	3,930	3,880	280	250	320	6.8	6.0	7.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,430	5,430	5,430	5,220	5,240	5,240	210	190	190	3.9	3.5	3.5
Norway-Paris	8,940	9,130	9,100	8,380	8,650	8,450	560	480	650	6.3	5.3	7.1
Patten-Island Falls	2,740	2,740	2,560	2,610	2,650	2,450	130	90	110	4.7	3.3	4.3
Rockland	17,870	18,530	19,130	17,110	17,960	18,140	760	570	990	4.3	3.1	5.2
Rumford	9,300	9,560	9,760	8,780	9,130	9,050	520	430	710	5.6	4.5	7.3
Sanford	12,520	12,780	13,170	11,700	11,930	12,360	820	850	810	6.5	6.7	6.2
Sebago Lakes Region	9,130	10,120	8,910	8,800	9,820	8,520	330	300	390	3.6	3.0	4.4
Skowhegan	21,340	21,940	22,540	20,040	20,750	21,030	1,300	1,190	1,510	6.1	5.4	6.7
Southwest Penobscot	8,340	8,420	8,440	7,690	7,840	7,760	650	580	680	7.8	6.9	8.1
Waterville	21,460	21,500	22,410	20,480	20,580	21,310	980	920	1,100	4.6	4.3	4.9
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,722.7	1,694.4	n/a	1,643.4	1,620.3	n/a	79.3	74.1	n/a	4.6	4.4
Massachusetts	3,067.0	3,040.0	3,075.4	2,958.0	2,925.0	2,971.2	110.0	115.0	104.2	3.6	3.8	3.4
New Hampshire	540.0	540.3	527.0	525.7	526.4	509.9	14.4	13.9	17.1	2.7	2.6	3.2
Rhode Island	508.8	509.4	504.7	488.5	490.2	482.3	20.3	19.2	22.4	4.0	3.8	4.4
Vermont	281.9	282.5	275.2	268.9	271.5	264.4	13.0	10.9	10.8	4.6	3.9	3.9
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,094.8	6,076.7	n/a	5,856.5	5,848.1	n/a	238.3	228.6	n/a	3.9	3.8
UNITED STATES 4/	116,097	116,346	114,115	108,282	108,428	106,246	7,815	7,917	7,869	6.7	6.8	6.9

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary, year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	8,963	7,490	9,276	824	797	981	1,007	813	960
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.1	1.7	2.2	0.9	0.9	1.1	2.9	2.3	2.8

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rate as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	4.3	6.3	8.3
Clerical and Sales	10.6	13.4	18.0
Service	9.1	6.7	11.7
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	2.4	1.6	1.6
Processing	5.8	4.3	5.4
Machine Trades	19.7	20.2	16.5
Benchwork	21.2	26.1	15.8
Structural Work	13.9	10.3	9.6
Miscellaneous	13.0	11.1	13.1

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	56.8	55.0	56.1
Under 22	7.2	5.8	7.4
22-24	10.1	9.7	10.5
25-34	28.0	27.8	27.7
35-39	11.5	11.7	10.5
Total 40 and Over	43.2	46.0	43.9
40-44	9.1	9.0	8.0
45-54	13.6	14.1	12.1
55-64	10.8	11.0	10.1
65 and Over	9.7	10.9	13.7

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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THE MAINE JOB SERVICE

THE MAINE JOB SERVICE BRINGS JOBS AND PEOPLE TOGETHER. A WELL-TRAINED STAFF AND A COMPUTERIZED JOB LIST--THE MAINE JOB BANK--ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST APPLICANTS IN SECURING EMPLOYMENT. SINCE THE JOB SERVICE IS IN THE BUSINESS OF FINDING JOBS FOR PEOPLE AND PEOPLE FOR JOBS, THEY CAN OFFER EXPERT ADVICE. JOB SERVICE STAFF ALSO REALIZE THAT JOB HUNTERS OFTEN NEED MORE THAN JUST A REFERRAL TO AN EMPLOYER. SO THEY KEEP IN TOUCH WITH HUNDREDS OF LOCAL AGENCIES OFFERING ALL TYPES OF HUMAN SERVICES. WHETHER INDIVIDUALS NEED TRAINING, EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION, CHILD CARE, HOUSING, MEDICAL CARE, OR COUNSELING, THE MAINE JOB SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO REFER CLIENTS TO AN APPROPRIATE AGENCY FOR ASSISTANCE.

IN PROGRAM YEAR 1984 MAINE'S 19 LOCAL JOB SERVICE OFFICES FOUND JOBS FOR 20,739 PEOPLE. MORE THAN 80,000 PERSONS WERE INTERVIEWED, WITH MANY RECEIVING SPECIALIZED COUNSELING AND TESTING.

THE JOB SERVICE HAS BEEN HELPING MAINE CITIZENS HUNT FOR WORK FOR NEARLY HALF A CENTURY AND CONTINUES TO EXPAND ITS SERVICES TO BETTER MATCH WORKERS WITH AVAILABLE JOBS. ALL OF ITS SERVICES ARE FREE.

THE MAINE JOB SERVICE HELPS A WIDE VARIETY OF JOB SEEKERS...ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO NEED INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION. VETERANS, YOUTH, MINORITIES, WOMEN, HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS, AND OTHERS CAN RECEIVE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE. THEY ALSO HELP THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER WORKED BEFORE, AS WELL AS WORKERS WITH FEW JOB SKILLS OR LIMITED WORK EXPERIENCE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MAINE JOB SERVICE AND HOW THEY CAN HELP BOTH EMPLOYERS AND JOB SEEKERS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR NEAREST JOB SERVICE LOCAL OFFICE.

OPENINGS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MAINE JOB SERVICE REFLECT A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS IN THE STATE'S LABOR MARKETS. THE FOLLOWING CHART SHOWS THE DISTRIBUTION OF JOB OPENINGS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MAINE JOB SERVICE.

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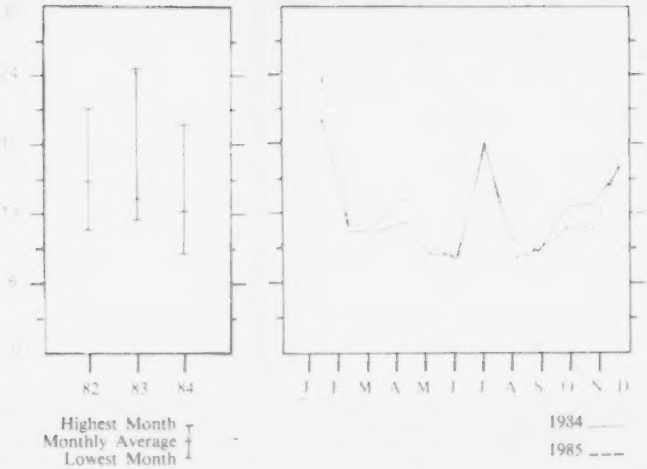
in Thousands



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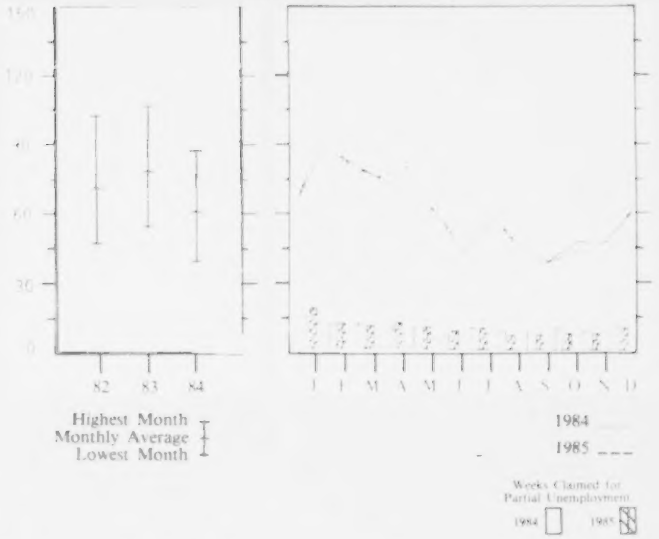

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OCCUPATIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF JOB OPENINGS

MAINE JOB SERVICE--PROGRAM YEAR 1984

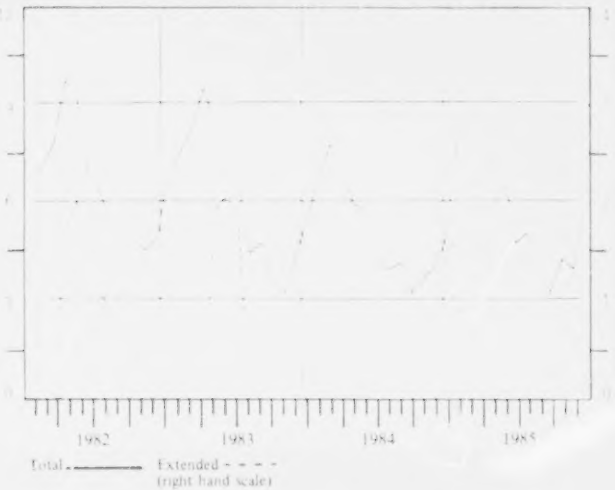
OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS RECEIVED	PERCENT OF TOTAL
TOTAL	41,457	100.0%
PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND MANAGERIAL	1,464	3.5
CLERICAL	4,621	11.2
SALES	2,507	6.1
DOMESTIC SERVICES	564	1.4
OTHER SERVICES	9,323	22.5
AGRICULTURAL, FISHERY, AND FORESTRY	2,955	7.1
PROCESSING	2,190	5.3
MACHINE TRADES	3,326	8.0
BENCHWORK	2,542	6.1
STRUCTURAL WORK	5,975	14.4
MOTOR FREIGHT AND TRANSPORTATION	1,470	3.5
PACKAGING AND MATERIAL HANDLING	4,281	10.3
OTHER	239	0.6

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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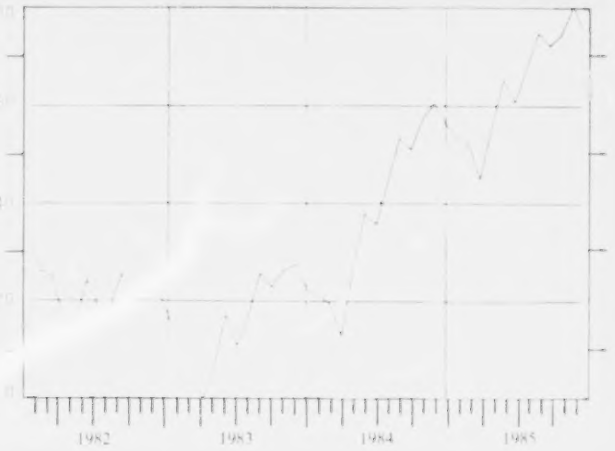
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	458.5	459.1	448.7	107.0	106.0	104.6	37.2	37.3	36.1
Total Manufacturing	104.8	104.8	109.0	16.2	16.2	16.3	10.2	10.8	10.8
Durable Goods	44.2	44.3	45.8	7.6	7.6	6.1	2.3	2.4	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	14.8	14.8	14.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.6	3.6	3.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.7
Machinery, except Electrical	3.7	3.7	4.1	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.3	0.2	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.4	9.4	9.9	3.1	3.1	3.4	0.7	0.8	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.0	9.0	10.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	*	0.1	0.1
Other Durable Goods 3/	3.7	3.8	3.5	1.3	1.3	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurable Goods	60.6	60.5	63.2	8.4	8.4	8.2	7.9	8.4	8.1
Food and Kindred Products	7.7	7.7	8.3	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
Textile Mill Products	7.0	6.8	6.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.3	1.4
Apparel	4.3	4.4	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.3	17.3	18.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.7	0.7	0.7
Printing and Publishing	5.0	4.8	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.3	4.2	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.7
Leather and Leather Products	13.9	14.0	15.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	2.5	2.6	2.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	11.4	11.5	13.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	2.0	2.2
Other Leather Products	2.5	2.5	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.1	1.3	1.0	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	353.7	354.3	339.7	90.8	90.8	88.3	27.0	26.5	25.3
Mining	0.1	0.2	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	0.0
Contract Construction	21.8	23.2	18.9	5.7	5.9	5.2	1.6	1.7	1.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.5	19.5	19.5	5.6	5.6	5.7	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	20.8	20.8	20.2	7.9	7.9	7.7	1.9	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	87.7	86.4	84.4	23.1	22.8	22.6	7.2	7.1	6.9
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	21.1	20.9	20.1	9.6	9.5	9.0	1.6	1.6	1.7
Services	92.8	93.2	89.4	24.0	24.0	23.4	9.2	9.3	8.7
Government	89.9	90.0	87.1	14.9	14.9	14.0	3.7	3.0	3.5
Federal	18.8	18.7	18.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	71.1	71.3	68.7	13.3	13.3	12.9	3.4	3.3	3.2
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide: 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland: 32, 38, 39; Lewiston: 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide: 28, 29; Portland: 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston: 23, 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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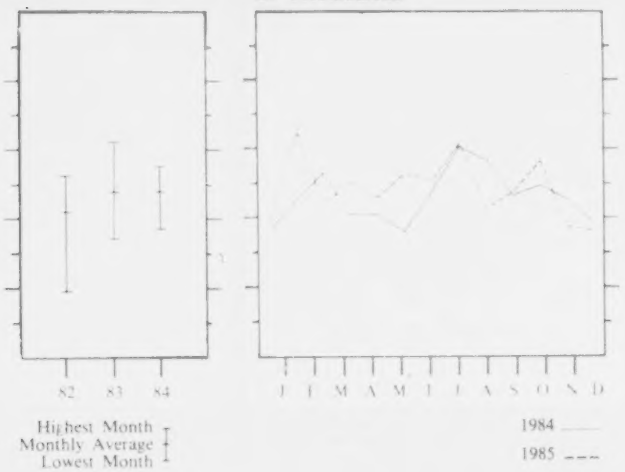
New Applications For Work

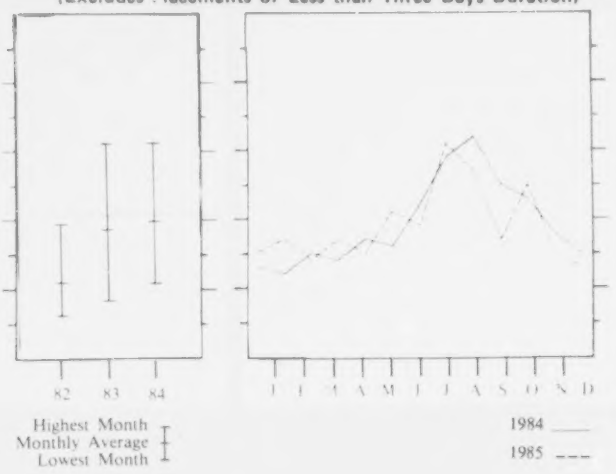
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1984	1983	1982
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$362.61	$349.05	$334.96	41.3	39.8	40.7	$8.78	$8.77	$8.23	$8.05	$7.61	$7.22
Durable Goods	373.85	348.96	336.61	42.1	39.7	41.1	8.88	8.79	8.19	8.22	8.04	7.59
Lumber and Wood Products	351.10	339.56	316.65	42.2	39.3	40.7	8.32	8.64	7.78	7.57	7.37	6.87
Primary and Fabricated Metals	369.23	367.44	354.90	43.8	43.9	42.3	8.43	8.37	8.39	7.89	7.75	7.62
Machinery, except Electrical	414.29	396.45	390.29	43.2	41.6	44.2	9.59	9.53	8.83	8.36	8.08	7.52
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	296.63	280.80	306.54	37.5	38.1	39.3	7.91	7.58	7.80	7.56	7.27	6.74
Other Durable Goods	453.82	387.08	360.22	44.8	39.7	41.5	10.13	9.75	8.68	9.51	9.31	8.84
Nondurable Goods	354.09	349.52	334.53	40.7	39.9	40.5	8.70	8.76	8.26	7.95	7.37	7.00
Food and Kindred Products	250.76	245.84	241.49	36.5	36.1	36.7	6.87	6.81	6.58	6.46	6.10	5.84
Textile Mill Products	280.44	279.33	262.50	41.0	40.6	42.0	6.84	6.88	6.25	6.13	5.87	5.49
Apparel	211.68	207.77	201.96	36.0	35.7	36.0	5.88	5.82	5.61	5.55	5.39	5.23
Paper and Allied Products	584.04	594.00	547.21	46.5	45.0	46.1	12.56	13.20	11.87	11.62	10.95	10.10
Leather and Leather Products	217.62	216.71	216.94	37.2	36.3	36.4	5.85	5.97	5.96	5.80	5.59	5.46
Other Nondurable Goods	319.20	312.17	296.21	40.1	40.7	40.3	7.96	7.67	7.35	7.11	6.60	6.23
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	362.99	362.52	332.99	39.2	38.2	39.5	9.26	9.49	8.43	8.08	7.67	7.19
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	273.62	261.50	258.61	39.2	38.4	38.2	6.98	6.81	6.77	6.58	6.16	5.96

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	636.2	636.1	630.1
Unemployed	35.9	32.9	43.5
(Percent)	5.6	5.2	6.9
Resident Employed	934.7	923.1	897.7

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
1967 = 100 All Items	327.4	326.6	315.5	315.5
Percent Change for Past Month			+ 0.2	
Percent Change from Last December			+ 3.8	
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago			+ 3.8	

1/ Preliminary estimate 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA	LABOR FORCE 2			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	538.9	536.7	547.9	510.9	512.2	515.8	28.0	24.5	32.1	5.2	4.6	5.9
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	47,900	48,000	47,700	45,700	46,100	45,500	2,200	1,900	2,200	4.6	4.0	4.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,600	41,200	42,200	38,800	38,800	38,900	2,800	2,400	3,300	6.7	5.8	7.8
Portland MSA	103,900	103,500	105,500	101,000	100,700	101,800	2,900	2,800	3,700	2.8	2.7	3.5
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3	105,310	104,940	103,540	102,620	101,960	98,360	2,690	2,980	5,180	2.6	2.8	5.0
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,160	29,820	30,620	28,600	28,490	29,040	1,560	1,330	1,580	5.2	4.5	5.2
Bath-Brunswick	24,740	24,670	26,240	23,770	23,800	25,230	970	870	1,010	3.9	3.5	3.8
Belfast	10,160	10,010	11,370	9,140	9,140	10,120	1,020	870	1,250	10.0	8.7	11.0
Biddeford	23,280	23,570	22,990	22,340	22,690	21,870	940	880	1,120	4.0	3.7	4.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	8,880	9,170	8,290	8,360	8,730	7,750	520	440	540	5.9	4.8	6.5
Calais-Eastport	14,420	14,710	15,240	13,360	13,830	14,000	1,060	880	1,240	7.4	6.0	8.1
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,290	20,970	21,350	19,430	19,390	19,230	1,860	1,580	2,120	8.7	7.5	9.9
Central Penobscot	4,510	4,530	4,420	4,300	4,340	4,200	210	190	220	4.7	4.2	5.0
Dover-Foxcroft	6,570	6,460	6,810	6,220	6,150	6,420	350	310	390	5.3	4.8	5.7
Ellsworth	21,090	21,280	20,990	19,900	20,350	19,600	1,190	930	1,390	5.6	4.4	6.6
Farmington	12,800	12,420	13,350	11,910	11,560	12,310	890	860	1,040	7.0	6.9	7.8
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,910	5,880	5,970	5,480	5,510	5,510	430	370	460	7.3	6.3	7.7
Greenville	1,430	1,440	1,770	1,320	1,350	1,610	110	90	160	7.7	6.3	9.0
Houlton	5,230	5,210	5,150	4,880	4,890	4,810	350	320	340	6.7	6.1	6.6
Kittery-York 3	23,380	23,180	22,930	22,930	22,800	22,090	450	380	840	1.9	1.6	3.7
Lincoln-Howland	6,310	6,270	6,240	5,980	5,960	5,950	330	310	290	5.2	4.9	4.6
Livermore Falls	3,350	3,300	3,660	3,060	3,040	3,270	290	260	390	8.7	7.9	10.7
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,210	4,090	4,340	3,810	3,810	3,930	400	280	410	9.5	6.8	9.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,470	5,430	5,480	5,220	5,220	5,250	250	210	230	4.6	3.9	4.2
Norway-Paris	8,770	8,940	9,170	8,100	8,380	8,370	670	560	800	7.6	6.3	8.7
Patten-Island Falls	2,720	2,740	2,570	2,560	2,610	2,440	160	130	130	5.9	4.7	5.1
Rockland	17,890	17,870	18,920	16,970	17,110	17,820	920	760	1,100	5.1	4.3	5.8
Rumford	9,340	9,300	9,830	8,720	8,780	9,110	620	520	720	6.6	5.6	7.3
Sanford	12,770	12,520	13,260	11,900	11,700	12,300	870	820	960	6.8	6.5	7.2
Sebago Lakes Region	9,220	9,130	8,890	8,850	8,800	8,440	370	330	450	4.0	3.6	5.1
Skowhegan	21,790	21,340	22,590	20,250	20,040	20,750	1,540	1,300	1,840	7.1	6.1	8.1
Southwest Penobscot	8,220	8,340	8,440	7,490	7,690	7,690	730	650	750	8.9	7.8	8.9
Waterville	21,640	21,460	21,820	20,580	20,480	20,640	1,060	980	1,280	4.9	4.6	5.9
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,725.8	1,703.5	n/a	1,653.2	1,624.2	n/a	73.0	79.3	n/a	4.2	4.7
Massachusetts	3,074.0	3,067.0	3,056.7	2,956.0	2,958.0	2,936.7	119.0	110.0	120.0	3.9	3.6	3.9
New Hampshire	544.4	540.0	531.1	530.5	525.7	512.7	13.9	14.4	18.4	2.6	2.7	3.5
Rhode Island	508.0	508.8	503.0	485.7	488.5	480.5	22.3	20.3	22.5	4.4	4.0	4.5
Vermont	286.2	281.9	277.3	273.3	268.9	265.4	12.9	13.0	11.9	4.5	4.6	4.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,124.6	6,071.6	n/a	5,893.9	5,819.5	n/a	230.7	252.1	n/a	3.8	4.2
UNITED STATES 4	115,780	116,097	114,028	108,063	108,282	106,049	7,717	7,815	7,978	6.7	6.7	7.0

MSA Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1. Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2. Current and last month figures preliminary, year ago figures revised.
3. Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.
4. National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued Week Claimants	10,618	8,963	11,660	875	824	1,110	1,167	1,007	1,467
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.4	2.1	2.7	1.0	0.9	1.3	3.3	2.9	4.3

* Should not be confused with the total unemployment rate as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	4.2	4.1	7.7
Clerical and Sales	9.2	10.6	16.0
Service	8.1	9.1	11.6
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	2.7	2.4	1.9
Processing	6.0	5.6	4.3
Machine Trades	18.4	19.7	16.0
Benchwork	17.8	21.2	15.2
Structural Work	18.4	13.9	13.2
Miscellaneous	15.2	13.0	14.1

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	58.2	56.3	58.3
Under 22	7.6	7.2	8.3
22-24	10.7	10.1	11.1
25-34	29.0	28.0	28.7
35-39	11.0	11.0	10.2
Total 40 and Over	41.8	43.7	41.7
40-44	8.6	9.1	7.6
45-54	13.6	13.6	12.7
55-64	10.6	10.9	9.7
65 and Over	9.0	9.7	12.3

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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1985 -- THE YEAR IN REVIEW

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN MAINE CONTINUED TO IMPROVE DURING 1985 AS THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECLINED FROM 6.1 PERCENT IN 1984 TO A 1985 RATE OF 5.4 PERCENT, THE LOWEST ANNUAL RATE RECORDED FOR MAINE SINCE 1969. FOR THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR MAINE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FELL BELOW THE COMPARABLE NATIONAL AVERAGE. THE NATIONAL RATE FOR 1985 WAS 7.2 PERCENT, 1.8 PERCENTAGE POINTS ABOVE THE MAINE RATE OF 5.4 PERCENT.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE EITHER WORKING OR SEEKING WORK REMAINED RELATIVELY STABLE BETWEEN 1984 AND 1985, WITH AN INCREASE OF ONLY 1,000 IN MAINE'S ANNUAL AVERAGE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE. THIS WAS THE SMALLEST OVER-THE-YEAR GAIN SINCE A DECLINE IN THE LABOR FORCE OF 1,000 BETWEEN 1976 AND 1977.

TOTAL RESIDENT EMPLOYMENT ROSE FROM 517,000 IN 1984 TO 522,000 IN 1985. ALTHOUGH SMALL, THIS GAIN OF 5,000 JOBS BROUGHT EMPLOYMENT TO ANOTHER ALL-TIME HIGH FOR MAINE. THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED DECLINED FROM AN AVERAGE OF 34,000 IN 1984 TO 30,000 IN 1985.

BETWEEN 1980 AND 1985 THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE IN MAINE INCREASED BY 8.9 PERCENT COMPARED WITH 8 PERCENT FOR THE NATION. RESIDENT EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE GREW MUCH FASTER THAN THAT OF THE NATION - 11.5 PERCENT VERSUS 7.9 PERCENT. AS A RESULT, MAINE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DIPPED BELOW THE NATION'S IN 1981 AND HAS SINCE REMAINED THERE.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE INCREASED BY 13,400, FROM AN ANNUAL AVERAGE OF 445,700 IN 1984 TO 459,100 IN 1985. MOST OF THE GAIN IN NONFARM EMPLOYMENT WAS REGISTERED BY NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, WITH THE LARGEST ANNUAL AVERAGE INCREASES REPORTED BY RETAIL TRADE (5,300), SERVICES (4,700), CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION (2,500), AND WHOLESALE TRADE (1,900), ALL ESTABLISHING NEW RECORDS.

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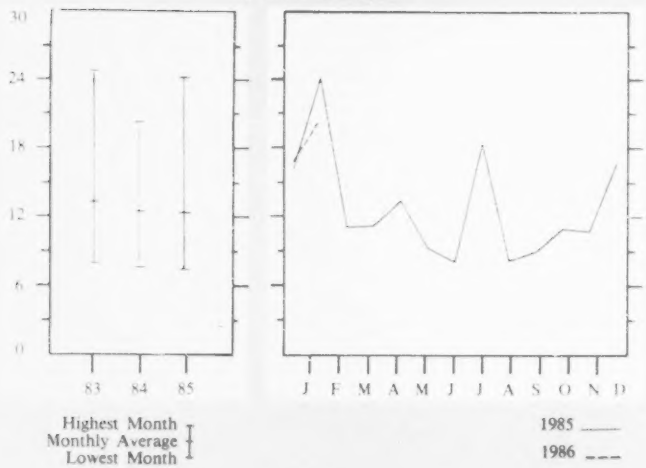
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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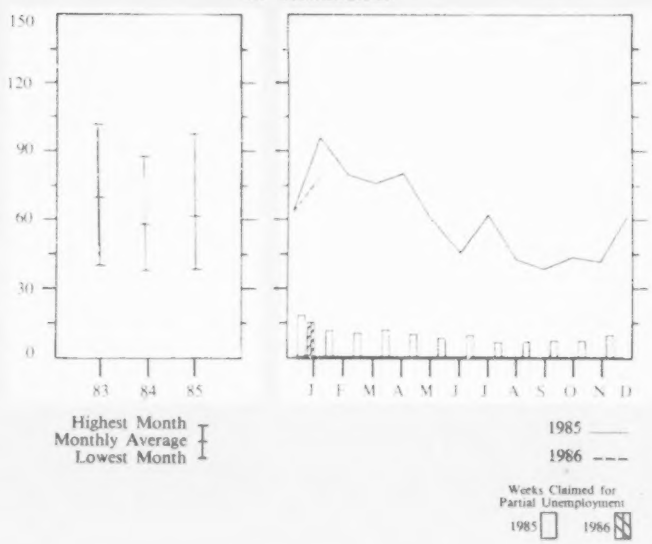

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SEVERAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES RECORDED DECLINES PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT OF COMPETITION FROM FOREIGN IMPORTS. THE INCREASE IN IMPORTS OF FOREIGN GOODS RESULTED FROM THE RECENT STRENGTH OF THE DOLLAR AND RELATIVELY LOWER WAGE RATES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. INDUSTRIES AFFECTED BY THESE CONDITIONS INCLUDED LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS, DOWN 3,600; APPAREL, DOWN 600; PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS, DOWN 400; AND TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS, DOWN 300.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES RECORDING EMPLOYMENT GAINS INCLUDED ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING, FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS, AND NONELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

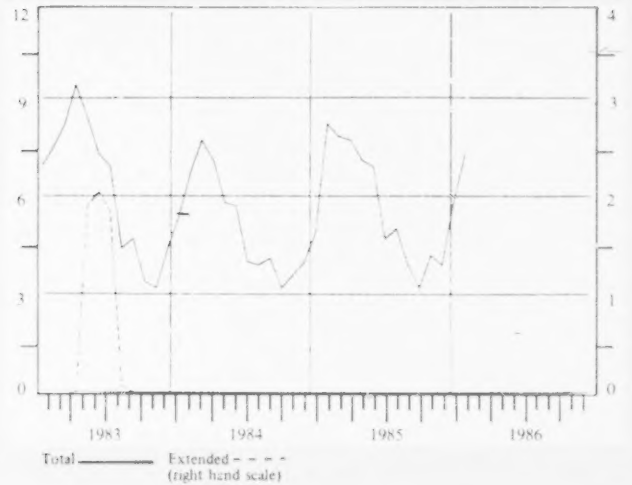
THE ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS FOR PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES INCREASED FROM $8.05 IN 1984 TO $8.40 IN 1985, AN INCREASE OF 4.3 PERCENT. THIS GAIN IN HOURLY EARNINGS OUTPACED THE 3.6 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE SAME PERIOD. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED ROSE SLIGHTLY FROM 39.9 HOURS IN 1984 TO 40.0 HOURS IN 1985. PRIMARILY AS A RESULT OF THE GAIN IN HOURLY EARNINGS, THE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS ROSE BY 4.6 PERCENT, FROM $321.20 IN 1984 TO $336.00 IN 1985.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

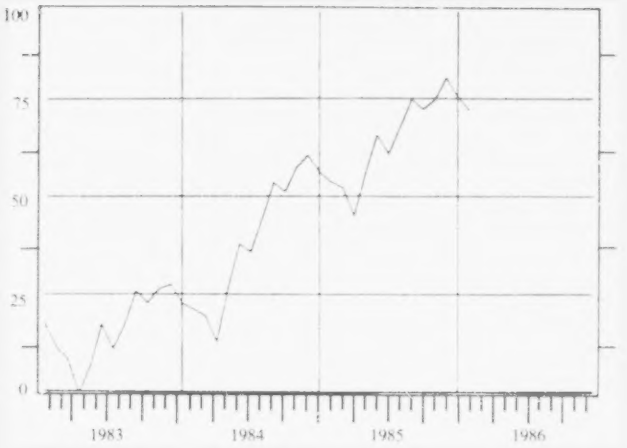
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



- Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	452.5	466.2	434.4	108.3	110.8	102.9	37.0	37.5	36.0
Total Manufacturing	105.6	107.0	98.2	16.8	16.6	16.3	10.5	10.2	10.5
Durable Goods	45.3	46.2	44.3	8.3	8.2	8.2	2.6	2.5	2.5
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	14.9	15.2	14.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	4.0	4.0	3.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.7
Machinery, except Electrical	4.1	4.3	4.5	2.1	2.2	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.6	9.4	9.7	3.3	3.2	3.4	0.8	0.7	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.5	9.4	10.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.1	0.1	*
Other Durable Goods 3/	3.8	3.9	3.6	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	59.7	60.8	61.9	8.5	8.4	8.1	7.9	7.7	8.0
Food and Kindred Products	7.5	7.9	7.6	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	7.0	7.0	6.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.3	1.3
Apparel	4.3	4.3	4.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.1	17.4	17.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.6	0.5	0.6
Printing and Publishing	5.2	5.3	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.0	3.9	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.8
Leather and Leather Products	13.6	14.0	15.4	1.6	1.5	1.4	2.6	2.5	2.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	11.1	11.6	12.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.0	1.9	2.2
Other Leather Products	2.5	2.4	2.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	346.9	358.2	328.2	91.5	94.2	86.6	26.5	27.3	25.5
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	21.2	23.1	18.8	5.6	6.0	5.0	1.5	1.8	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.1	19.2	18.8	5.8	5.5	5.6	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	22.3	22.4	21.0	8.7	8.6	8.4	1.9	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade	85.5	88.7	78.1	22.9	24.4	21.9	6.7	7.2	6.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	21.7	21.5	20.0	10.0	9.9	9.1	1.9	1.9	1.8
Services	91.7	93.1	88.0	24.7	25.2	23.2	9.4	9.3	9.1
Government	85.3	90.1	83.4	13.8	14.6	13.4	3.7	3.8	3.6
Federal	18.8	18.9	18.4	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	66.5	71.2	65.0	12.1	12.9	11.8	3.4	3.5	3.3
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 26, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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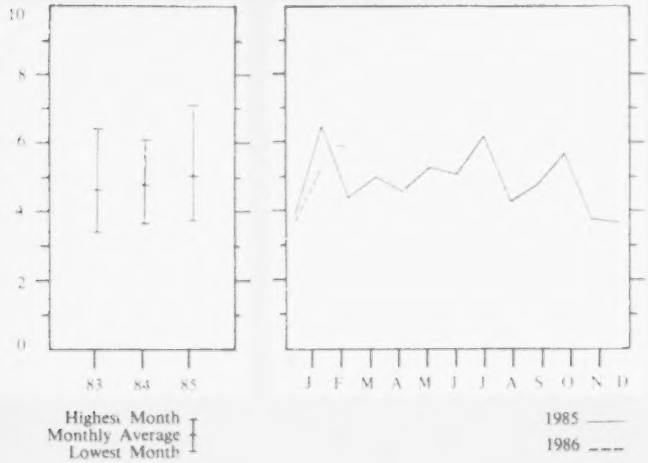
New Applications For Work

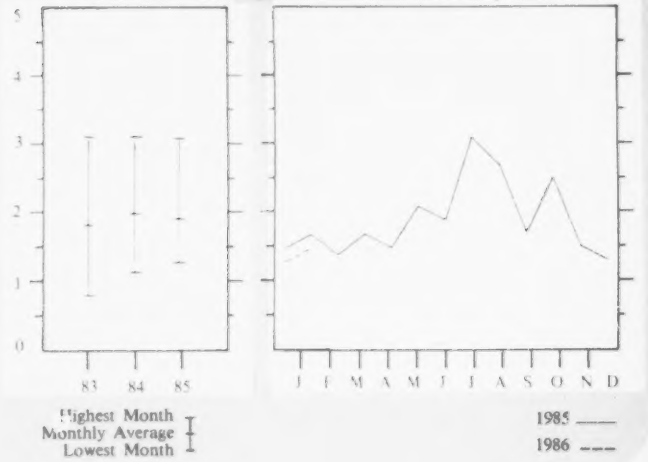
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1985	1984	1983
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$346.23	$362.61	$334.00	40.4	41.3	40.0	$8.57	$8.78	$8.35	$8.40	$8.05	$7.61
Durable Goods	352.76	373.85	345.95	40.5	42.1	40.7	8.71	8.88	8.50	8.46	8.22	8.04
Lumber and Wood Products	318.79	351.10	319.56	39.7	42.2	40.4	8.03	8.32	7.91	8.06	7.57	7.37
Primary and Fabricated Metals	353.62	369.23	334.55	42.4	43.8	41.1	8.34	8.43	8.14	8.25	7.89	7.75
Machinery, except Electrical	381.10	414.29	385.90	41.2	43.2	42.5	9.25	9.59	9.08	9.11	8.36	8.08
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	289.94	296.63	301.41	38.0	37.5	39.4	7.63	7.91	7.65	7.57	7.56	7.27
Other Durable Goods	438.96	453.92	410.27	42.7	44.8	41.4	10.28	10.13	9.91	9.50	9.51	9.31
Nondurable Goods	341.78	354.09	324.66	40.4	40.7	39.4	8.46	8.70	8.24	8.31	7.95	7.37
Food and Kindred Products	250.56	250.76	222.40	34.8	36.5	32.0	7.20	6.87	6.95	6.63	6.46	6.10
Textile Mill Products	278.21	280.44	272.84	41.4	41.0	42.9	6.72	6.84	6.36	6.64	6.13	5.87
Apparel	202.06	211.68	204.51	35.7	36.0	34.9	5.66	5.88	5.86	5.83	5.55	5.39
Paper and Allied Products	575.99	584.04	538.90	47.8	46.5	45.4	12.05	12.56	11.87	12.25	11.62	10.95
Leather and Leather Products	216.08	217.62	213.35	36.5	37.2	36.1	5.92	5.85	5.91	5.93	5.80	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	299.15	319.20	290.38	38.8	40.1	39.4	7.71	7.96	7.37	7.51	7.11	6.60
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	349.46	362.99	338.43	38.7	39.2	38.9	9.03	9.26	8.70	8.90	8.08	7.67
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	266.81	273.62	259.38	38.5	39.2	38.2	6.93	6.98	6.79	6.78	6.58	6.16

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 2/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	234.6	243.7	231.7
Unemployed	15.6	13.6	17.2
(Percent)	6.7%	5.6%	7.4%
Resident Employed	219.0	230.1	214.5

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	328.4	327.4	316.1	327.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+0.3%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.9%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	537.9	555.5	535.0	501.4	528.2	497.6	36.5	27.3	37.4	6.8	4.9	7.0
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	38,700	42,000	40,000	36,200	40,000	37,500	2,500	2,000	2,500	6.5	4.8	6.3
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	40,000	40,400	40,100	36,800	37,700	36,600	3,200	2,700	3,500	8.0	6.7	8.7
Portland MSA	110,000	113,100	107,100	106,100	110,100	102,700	3,900	3,000	4,400	3.5	2.7	4.1
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	119,460	123,460	114,990	115,160	120,240	108,910	4,300	3,220	6,080	3.6	2.6	5.3
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,000	31,360	30,540	28,000	29,820	28,640	2,000	1,540	1,900	6.7	4.9	6.2
Bath-Brunswick	25,560	24,760	25,110	24,320	23,810	23,740	1,240	950	1,370	4.9	3.8	5.5
Belfast	10,320	10,860	10,460	8,990	9,870	8,970	1,330	990	1,490	12.9	9.1	14.2
Biddeford	24,360	24,770	23,570	22,750	23,830	22,170	1,610	940	1,400	6.6	3.8	5.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	10,600	12,420	10,820	9,850	11,870	10,080	750	550	740	7.1	4.4	6.8
Calais-Eastport	12,370	12,740	12,450	10,810	11,750	11,050	1,560	990	1,400	12.6	7.8	11.2
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,880	21,660	20,670	18,870	19,930	18,330	2,010	1,730	2,340	9.6	8.0	11.3
Central Penobscot	2,760	2,780	2,490	2,510	2,600	2,260	250	180	230	9.1	6.5	9.2
Dover-Foxcroft	6,220	6,410	6,490	5,780	6,070	6,040	440	340	450	7.1	5.3	6.9
Ellsworth	20,330	21,100	19,580	18,260	19,920	17,850	2,070	1,180	1,730	10.2	5.6	8.8
Farmington	11,080	12,080	11,710	10,080	11,220	10,540	1,000	860	1,170	9.0	7.1	10.0
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,850	5,150	5,470	4,350	4,740	4,990	500	410	480	10.3	8.0	8.8
Greenville	1,120	1,110	1,320	1,010	1,000	1,190	110	110	130	9.8	9.9	9.8
Houlton	5,760	5,920	5,750	5,320	5,570	5,360	440	350	390	7.6	5.9	6.8
Kittery-York 3/	26,960	28,180	25,960	26,220	27,730	25,140	740	450	820	2.7	1.6	3.2
Lincoln-Howland	5,420	5,440	5,440	5,020	5,130	5,100	400	310	340	7.4	5.7	6.3
Livermore Falls	4,470	4,800	4,730	4,100	4,490	4,280	370	310	450	8.3	6.5	9.5
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,800	3,820	3,710	3,320	3,450	3,250	480	370	460	12.6	9.7	12.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,470	4,470	4,440	4,130	4,250	4,190	340	220	250	7.6	4.9	5.6
Norway-Paris	11,220	10,980	10,990	10,250	10,280	10,030	970	700	960	8.6	6.4	8.7
Patten-Island Falls	2,410	2,460	2,210	2,240	2,320	2,070	170	140	140	7.1	5.7	6.3
Rockland	16,620	17,320	16,470	15,340	16,430	15,270	1,280	890	1,200	7.7	5.1	7.3
Rumford	8,350	8,330	8,570	7,610	7,720	7,730	740	610	840	8.9	7.3	9.8
Sanford	15,270	15,240	15,240	14,040	14,360	14,060	1,230	880	1,180	8.1	5.8	7.7
Sebago Lakes Region	11,250	10,540	9,770	10,710	10,160	9,160	540	380	610	4.8	3.6	6.2
Skowhegan	21,270	22,490	21,460	19,290	20,970	19,330	1,980	1,520	2,130	9.3	6.8	9.9
Southwest Penobscot	10,150	10,280	10,110	9,160	9,550	9,200	990	730	910	9.8	7.1	9.0
Waterville	21,360	22,580	22,160	20,010	21,540	20,700	1,350	1,040	1,460	6.3	4.6	6.6
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,734.1	1,675.1	n/a	1,659.8	1,581.9	n/a	74.3	93.2	n/a	4.3	5.6
Massachusetts	3,039.0	3,074.0	3,019.0	2,916.0	2,956.0	2,882.0	123.0	118.0	138.0	4.1	3.9	4.6
New Hampshire	545.4	544.4	523.8	524.7	530.5	493.6	20.7	13.9	30.2	3.8	2.6	5.8
Rhode Island	496.7	508.0	491.8	470.5	485.7	465.9	26.2	22.3	25.9	5.3	4.4	5.3
Vermont	288.0	286.2	274.2	272.7	273.3	260.2	15.3	12.9	14.1	5.3	4.5	5.1
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,147.7	5,985.0	n/a	5,905.3	5,683.6	n/a	242.4	301.4	n/a	3.9	5.0
UNITED STATES 4/	115,431	115,780	113,475	106,959	108,063	104,344	8,472	7,717	9,131	7.3	6.7	8.0

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	15,240	10,618	16,351	1,390	875	1,562	1,344	1,157	1,764
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.5	2.4	3.8	1.4	0.9	1.7	3.9	3.3	5.1

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	3.6	3.2	6.8
Clerical and Sales	9.8	9.2	14.7
Service	7.1	8.1	11.3
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	2.7	2.7	2.0
Processing	6.2	6.0	4.6
Machine Trades	15.2	18.4	13.8
Benchwork	12.5	17.8	13.4
Structural Work	25.0	18.4	17.4
Miscellaneous	17.9	16.2	16.0

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	59.4	58.2	59.1
Under 22	5.6	7.5	5.9
22-24	10.5	10.7	10.8
25-34	31.7	29.0	31.6
35-39	11.6	11.0	10.8
Total 40 and Over	40.6	41.8	40.9
40-44	8.6	8.6	7.6
45-54	13.4	13.6	12.3
55-64	10.7	10.6	10.0
65 and Over	7.9	9.0	11.0

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CENSUS BUREAU WANTS YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1990 CENSUS REPORTS AND COMPUTER TAPES

PLANNING FOR THE 1990 CENSUS, THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE NATION'S FIRST CENSUS, HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR SOME TIME. IN A SERIES OF MEETINGS LAST YEAR, USERS OF CENSUS INFORMATION RECOMMENDED THE TOPICS THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE 1990 CENSUS. MAINE'S IDEAS WERE VERY WELL RECEIVED BY BUREAU EXPERTS WHEN WE HAD A WELL-ATTENDED LOCAL PUBLIC MEETING AT THE AUGUSTA CIVIC CENTER LAST JUNE. MANY WELL-THOUGHT-OUT IDEAS WERE DEVELOPED FROM A DEDICATED AND ENERGETIC GROUP OF MAINE CENSUS DATA USERS.

AT A SERIES OF MEETINGS ACROSS THE NATION THIS SPRING, THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO COMMENT ON THE CENSUS BUREAU'S PROPOSALS FOR THE DATA PRODUCTS THAT WILL BE PRODUCED FROM THE 1990 CENSUS.

THE CENSUS BUREAU WILL BE LOOKING FOR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SUCH AS: HOW SHOULD THE 1990 CENSUS DATA BE PRESENTED? TO WHAT DEGREE DO SMALL BUSINESSES USE MICROCOMPUTERS? WHAT MEDIA--PAPER, MICROFICHE, OR COMPUTER TAPE--WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR THE LOCAL PLANNERS? WHAT SPECIFIC PRODUCTS DO VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES NEED?

THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WILL HOST THE MEETING FOR THE NORTHEASTERN REGION OF THE UNITED STATES. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE SONESTA HOTEL IN PORTLAND ON MAY 7, 1986. THERE IS NO CHARGE TO ATTEND. THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING FOLLOWS ON PAGE 2.

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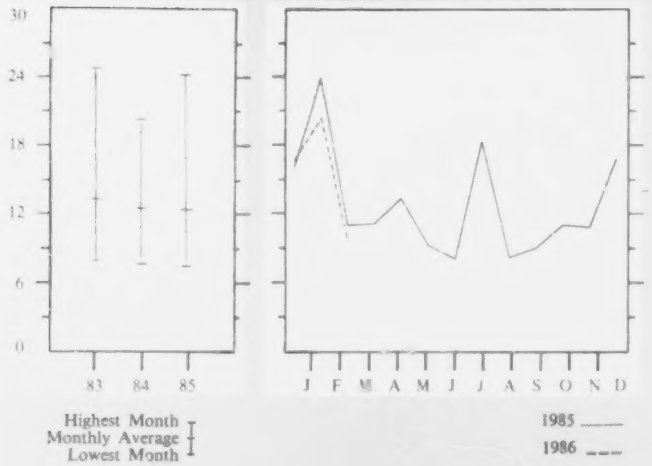
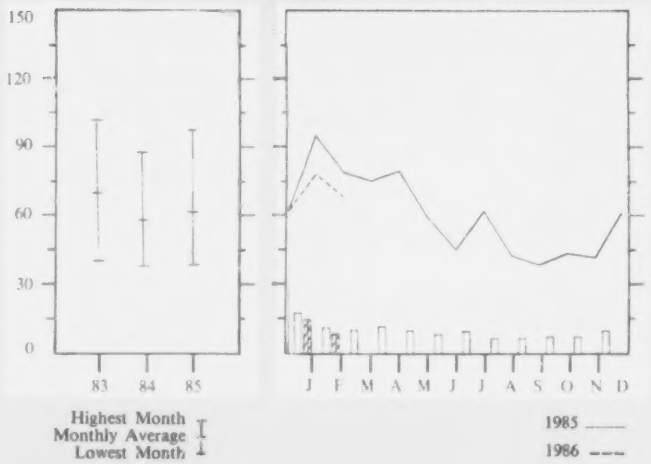
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed
in Thousands



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1990 CENSUS PRODUCT MEETINGS
SPRING 1986

8:30 A.M.	REGISTRATION
9:00 A.M.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
9:05 A.M.	GENERAL REMARKS ON 1990 CENSUS PRODUCTS GENERAL GUIDANCE FOR WORKING GROUPS
9:30 A.M.	WORKING GROUP SESSIONS GROUP A: REPORTS AND MICROFICHE GROUP B: MACHINE READABLE PRODUCTS, DOCUMENTATION AND SOFTWARE GROUP C: GEOGRAPHIC PRODUCTS
12:00 P.M.	LUNCH
1:00 P.M.	REPEAT WORKING GROUP SESSIONS GROUP A: REPORTS AND MICROFICHE GROUP B: MACHINE READABLE PRODUCTS, DOCUMENTATION, AND SOFTWARE GROUP C: GEOGRAPHIC PRODUCTS
3:30 P.M.	SUMMATION AND GENERAL DISCUSSION
4:00 P.M.	ADJOURN

PLAN TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE HEARD ON DATA PRODUCTS TAILORED TO YOUR NEEDS. REMEMBER, THE MEETING IS FREE OF CHARGE, AND YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PREREGISTER. WE ARE HOPING FOR A LARGE TURNOUT WITH MANY IDEAS FOR USEFUL 1990 CENSUS PRODUCTS.

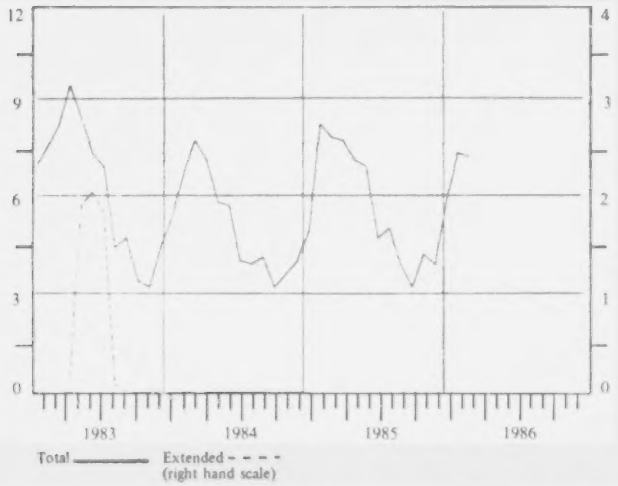
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR DESIRE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT RAYNOLD A. FONGEMIE OR JEAN MARTIN AT 289-2271.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

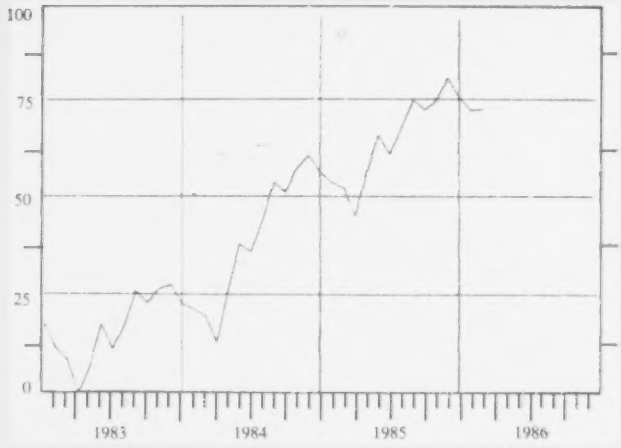
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	455.9	452.5	438.9	108.0	108.3	103.2	36.9	37.0	36.0
Total Manufacturing	105.9	105.6	107.0	16.8	16.8	16.4	10.4	10.5	10.3
Durable Goods	45.6	45.9	46.0	8.4	8.3	8.3	2.6	2.6	2.5
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	14.7	14.9	14.3	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.9	4.0	3.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	4.1	4.1	4.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	9.8	9.6	9.7	3.3	3.3	3.5	0.8	0.8	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.4	9.5	10.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	*	0.1	*
Other Durable Goods 3/	3.7	3.8	3.6	1.5	1.4	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	60.3	59.7	61.0	8.4	8.5	8.1	7.8	7.9	7.8
Food and Kindred Products	8.5	7.5	7.5	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	7.0	7.0	6.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.3	1.3
Apparel	4.3	4.3	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.0	17.1	17.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.6	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.2	5.2	4.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.0	4.0	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.9	1.9	1.8
Leather and Leather Products	13.3	13.6	14.8	1.6	1.6	1.4	2.6	2.6	2.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	10.9	11.1	12.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.0	2.0	2.1
Other Leather Products	2.4	* 2.5	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.0	1.0	1.1	4.9	5.0	4.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	350.0	346.9	331.9	91.2	91.5	86.8	26.5	26.5	25.7
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	0.0
Contract Construction	20.4	21.2	17.4	5.3	5.6	4.7	1.5	1.5	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.1	19.1	18.6	5.8	5.8	5.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	22.5	22.3	21.1	8.7	8.7	8.4	1.8	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade	83.6	85.5	77.0	22.0	22.9	21.2	6.7	6.7	6.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	21.8	21.7	20.1	10.0	10.0	9.1	1.9	1.9	1.9
Services	92.7	91.7	89.9	24.7	24.7	23.3	9.4	9.4	9.2
Government	89.8	85.3	87.7	14.7	13.8	14.6	3.8	3.7	3.6
Federal	18.8	18.8	18.3	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	71.0	66.5	69.4	13.0	12.1	13.0	3.5	3.4	3.3
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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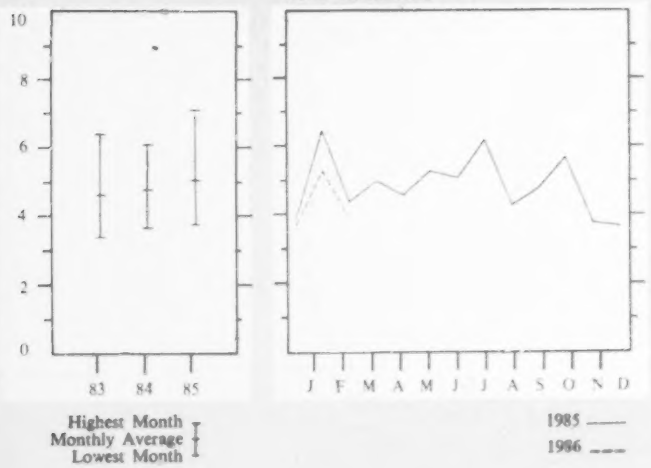
New Applications For Work

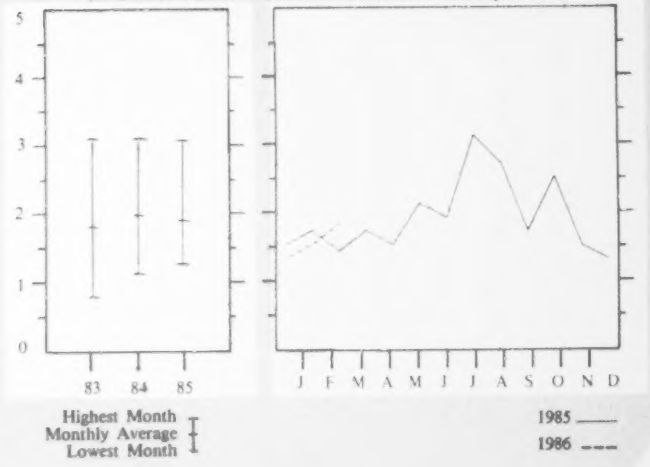
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1985	1984	1983
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$346.18	$346.23	$331.30	40.3	40.4	39.3	$8.59	$8.57	$8.43	$8.40	$8.05	$7.61
Durable Goods	353.38	352.76	338.05	40.9	40.5	39.4	8.64	8.71	8.58	8.46	8.22	8.04
Lumber and Wood Products	319.98	318.79	312.05	39.7	39.7	39.6	8.06	8.03	7.88	8.06	7.57	7.37
Primary and Fabricated Metals	358.52	353.62	336.20	43.3	42.4	40.9	8.28	8.34	8.22	8.25	7.89	7.75
Machinery, except Electrical	382.47	381.10	372.74	41.8	41.2	41.6	9.15	9.25	8.96	9.11	8.36	8.08
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	300.30	289.94	274.07	39.0	38.0	36.3	7.70	7.63	7.55	7.57	7.56	7.27
Other Durable Goods	429.57	438.96	406.63	43.0	42.7	40.3	9.99	10.28	10.09	9.50	9.51	9.31
Nondurable Goods	341.15	341.78	325.75	39.9	40.4	39.2	8.55	8.46	8.31	8.31	7.95	7.37
Food and Kindred Products	227.22	250.56	223.08	32.6	34.8	33.0	6.97	7.20	6.76	6.63	6.46	6.10
Textile Mill Products	279.07	278.21	272.81	41.1	41.4	42.1	6.79	6.72	6.48	6.64	6.13	5.87
Apparel	207.72	202.06	208.26	36.7	35.7	35.6	5.66	5.66	5.85	5.83	5.55	5.39
Paper and Allied Products	582.07	575.99	539.81	47.4	47.8	45.4	12.28	12.05	11.89	12.25	11.62	10.95
Leather and Leather Products	217.31	216.08	208.98	36.4	36.5	35.3	5.97	5.92	5.92	5.93	5.80	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	312.03	299.15	283.46	39.2	38.8	38.1	7.96	7.71	7.44	7.51	7.11	6.60
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	356.69	349.46	332.26	39.5	38.7	37.8	9.03	9.03	8.79	8.90	8.08	7.67
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	n/a	266.81	256.36	n/a	38.5	37.7	n/a	6.93	6.80	6.78	6.58	6.16

n/a Series discontinued

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	233.7	234.6	230.9
Unemployed	14.7	15.6	15.5
(Percent)	6.3%	6.7%	6.7%
Resident Employed	219.0	219.0	215.4

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	327.5	328.4	317.4	327.4

Percent Change for Past Month	- 0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	0.0%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+ 3.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment
in Thousands

AREA 1	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	538.1	537.9	534.4	502.4	501.4	498.2	35.7	36.5	36.2	6.6	6.8	6.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	39,600	38,700	40,500	37,100	36,200	38,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	6.3	6.5	6.2
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	40,100	40,000	39,900	36,800	36,800	36,500	3,300	3,200	3,400	8.2	8.0	8.5
Portland MSA	109,200	110,000	106,700	105,500	106,100	102,800	3,700	3,900	3,900	3.4	3.5	3.7
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	118,750	119,460	113,950	114,680	115,160	108,190	4,070	4,300	5,760	3.4	3.6	5.1
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,940	30,000	30,460	27,970	28,000	28,580	1,970	2,000	1,880	6.6	6.7	6.2
Bath-Brunswick	25,030	25,560	24,840	23,860	24,320	23,560	1,170	1,240	1,280	4.7	4.9	5.2
Belfast	10,230	10,320	10,530	8,960	8,990	8,860	1,270	1,330	1,670	12.4	12.9	15.9
Biddeford	23,950	24,360	23,460	22,430	22,750	22,120	1,520	1,610	1,340	6.3	6.6	5.7
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	10,610	10,600	10,930	9,880	9,850	10,250	730	750	680	6.9	7.1	6.2
Calais-Eastport	12,690	12,370	12,510	11,120	10,810	11,140	1,570	1,560	1,370	12.4	12.6	11.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,060	20,880	20,770	19,090	18,870	18,520	1,970	2,010	2,250	9.4	9.6	10.8
Central Penobscot	2,770	2,760	2,600	2,530	2,510	2,340	240	250	260	8.7	9.1	10.0
Dover-Foxcroft	6,180	6,220	6,390	5,740	5,780	6,000	440	440	390	7.1	7.1	6.1
Ellsworth	20,150	20,330	19,640	18,160	18,260	17,810	1,990	2,070	1,830	9.9	10.2	9.3
Farmington	12,190	11,080	11,970	11,220	10,080	10,880	970	1,000	1,090	8.0	9.0	9.1
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,910	4,850	5,410	4,390	4,350	4,860	520	500	550	10.6	10.3	10.2
Greenville	1,140	1,120	1,310	1,030	1,010	1,190	110	110	120	9.6	9.8	9.2
Houlton	5,780	5,760	5,830	5,330	5,320	5,420	450	440	410	7.8	7.6	7.0
Kittery-York 3/	26,820	26,960	25,720	26,140	26,220	25,020	680	740	700	2.5	2.7	2.7
Lincoln-Howland	5,390	5,420	5,380	4,970	5,020	5,060	420	400	320	7.8	7.4	5.9
Livermore Falls	4,370	4,470	4,600	3,990	4,100	4,140	380	370	460	8.7	8.3	10.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,760	3,800	3,690	3,310	3,320	3,260	450	480	430	12.0	12.6	11.7
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,470	4,470	4,410	4,120	4,130	4,210	350	340	200	7.8	7.6	4.5
Norway-Paris	11,000	11,220	10,910	10,030	10,250	10,010	970	970	900	8.8	8.6	8.2
Patten-Island Falls	2,490	2,410	2,230	2,320	2,240	2,100	170	170	130	6.8	7.1	5.8
Rockland	17,060	16,620	16,470	15,900	15,340	15,320	1,160	1,280	1,150	6.8	7.7	7.0
Rumford	8,230	8,350	8,560	7,520	7,610	7,750	710	740	810	8.6	8.9	9.5
Sanford	15,230	15,270	15,160	14,050	14,040	14,030	1,180	1,230	1,130	7.7	8.1	7.5
Sebago Lakes Region	11,160	11,250	9,810	10,640	10,710	9,250	520	540	560	4.7	4.8	5.7
Skowhegan	21,040	21,270	21,430	19,010	19,290	19,320	2,030	1,980	2,110	9.6	9.3	9.8
Southwest Penobscot	10,120	10,150	10,350	9,120	9,160	9,360	1,000	990	990	9.9	9.8	9.6
Waterville	21,610	21,360	21,980	20,240	20,010	20,550	1,370	1,350	1,430	6.3	6.3	6.5
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,698.1	1,679.3	n/a	1,621.0	1,585.9	n/a	77.1	93.4	n/a	4.5	5.6
Massachusetts	3,027.0	3,039.0	3,031.0	2,898.0	2,916.0	2,898.0	129.0	123.0	133.0	4.3	4.1	4.4
New Hampshire	541.4	545.4	516.6	520.7	524.7	493.0	20.7	20.7	23.6	3.8	3.8	4.6
Rhode Island	496.9	496.7	493.7	470.7	470.5	464.2	26.2	26.2	29.5	5.3	5.3	6.0
Vermont	n/a	288.0	273.7	n/a	272.7	257.8	n/a	15.3	15.9	n/a	5.3	5.8
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,067.2	5,994.3	n/a	5,804.9	5,698.9	n/a	262.3	295.4	n/a	4.3	4.9
UNITED STATES 4/	115,725	115,431	113,592	106,685	106,959	104,690	9,041	8,472	8,902	7.8	7.3	7.8

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.
4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	15,090	15,240	17,615	1,380	1,390	1,790	1,553	1,344	1,771
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.4	3.5	4.1	4.0	1.4	1.9	1.6	3.9	5.2

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	4.2	3.6	6.5
Clerical and Sales	10.0	9.8	14.5
Service	7.0	7.1	10.6
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	2.8	2.7	2.2
Processing	5.6	6.2	4.6
Machine Trades	15.5	15.2	12.5
Benchwork	14.1	12.5	11.7
Structural Work	23.9	25.0	21.0
Miscellaneous	16.9	17.9	16.4

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	61.0	59.4	60.3
Under 22	6.2	5.6	6.7
22-24	10.7	10.5	11.6
25-34	32.2	31.7	31.4
35-39	11.8	11.6	10.6
Total 40 and Over	39.0	40.6	39.7
40-44	8.6	8.6	7.6
45-54	13.1	13.4	12.2
55-64	10.7	10.7	9.7
65 and Over	6.6	7.9	10.2

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THE U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--FEBRUARY 1986

ACCORDING TO THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) DECLINED 0.3 PERCENT BEFORE SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT IN FEBRUARY TO A LEVEL OF 327.5 (1967=100). FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED IN FEBRUARY, THE CPI-U INCREASED 3.2 PERCENT.

ON A SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BASIS, THE CPI-U DECLINED 0.4 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY, AFTER REGISTERING A 0.3 PERCENT INCREASE IN JANUARY. THE FEBRUARY DECLINE REPRESENTS THE FIRST DECREASE SINCE DECEMBER 1982 AND THE LARGEST DROP SINCE A 0.4 PERCENT DECLINE IN NOVEMBER 1955. DECLINES IN ENERGY AND FOOD PRICES WERE PRINCIPALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DOWNTURN IN THE FEBRUARY CPI. PRICES FOR ENERGY COMMODITIES--FUEL OIL, COAL, BOTTLED GAS, AND MOTOR FUELS--DROPPED 6.8 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY, PRIMARILY REFLECTING THE RECENT DROP IN CRUDE OIL PRICES.

THE TRANSPORTATION COMPONENT, REFLECTING A SHARP DROP IN PRICES FOR MOTOR FUELS, DECLINED 1.4 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY, AFTER ADVANCING 0.5 PERCENT IN JANUARY. GASOLINE PRICES DECLINED 5.9 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY, RECEDING TO THEIR LEVEL JUST PRIOR TO THE APRIL 1, 1985, INCREASE IN THE FEDERAL EXCISE TAX AND ARE NOW 16.6 PERCENT BELOW THEIR PEAK-LEVEL OF MARCH 1981. USED CAR PRICES--DOWN 0.4 PERCENT--ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE FEBRUARY DECLINE IN THE TRANSPORTATION COMPONENT.

THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE COMPONENT REGISTERED A DECLINE OF 0.6 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 0.3 PERCENT IN JANUARY. GROCERY STORE FOOD PRICES DECREASED 1.0 PERCENT, REFLECTING A SHARP TURNAROUND IN FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES AND THE SECOND DROP IN A ROW FOR THE INDEX FOR MEATS, POULTRY, FISH, AND EGGS.

THE HOUSING COMPONENT DECLINED 0.1 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY, FOLLOWING AN INCREASE OF 0.3 PERCENT IN JANUARY. A RECORD DROP IN FUEL OIL PRICES AND A SMALL DECREASE IN THE INDEX FOR HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND OPERATIONS WERE ONLY PARTIALLY OFFSET BY SMALL-TO-MODERATE INCREASES IN MOST OTHER HOUSING COMPONENTS.

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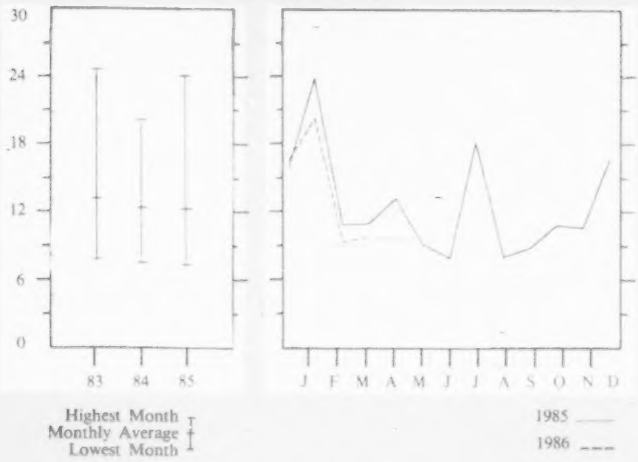
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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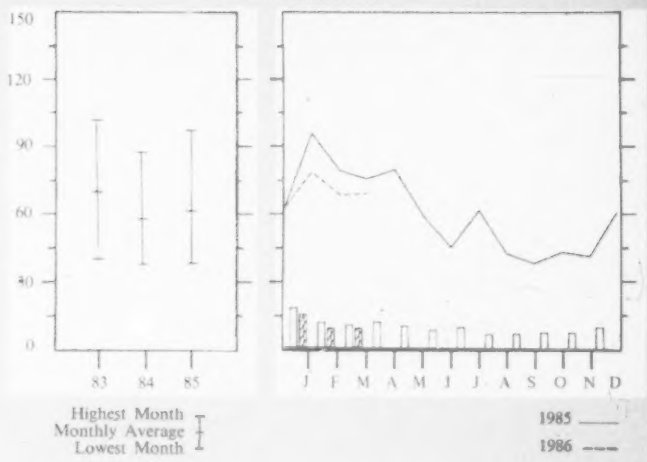
in Thousands



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THE INDEX FOR APPAREL AND UPKEEP--DOWN 0.5 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY--DECLINED FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE MONTH. CLOTHING PRICES, REFLECTING THE CONTINUATION OF LARGER THAN USUAL SEASONAL PRICE REDUCTIONS, DECLINED 0.6 PERCENT. CHARGES FOR APPAREL SERVICES WERE UNCHANGED.

PERCENT CHANGES IN THE U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								UNADJUSTED
	CHANGES FROM PRECEDING MONTH							COMPOUND ANNUAL RATE	
	1985					1986		3-MONTHS ENDED	12-MONTHS ENDED
	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	FEBRUARY 1986	FEBRUARY 1986
ALL ITEMS	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	-0.4	1.2	3.2
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.3	-0.6	1.2	2.1
HOUSING	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.3	-0.1	1.8	3.8
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.5	-3.4	1.1
TRANSPORTATION	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.5	-1.4	-2.1	1.6
MEDICAL CARE	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.7	7.4	7.2
ENTERTAINMENT	-0.1	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.9	0.2	4.7	4.1
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	0.5	-0.2	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.6	8.4	6.2

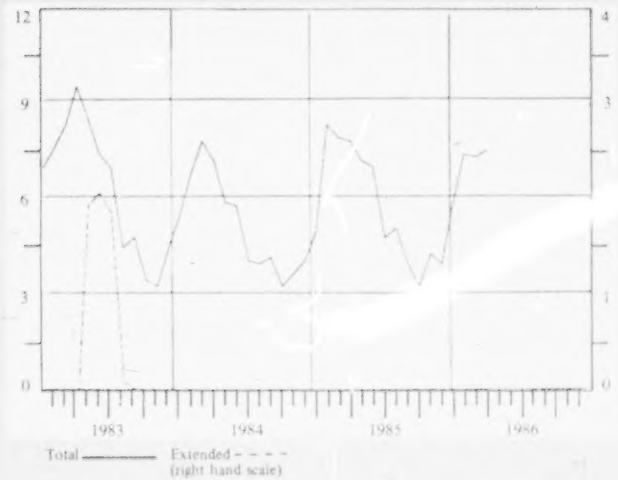
SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, NEWS RELEASE, WASHINGTON, D.C., MARCH 25, 1986.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

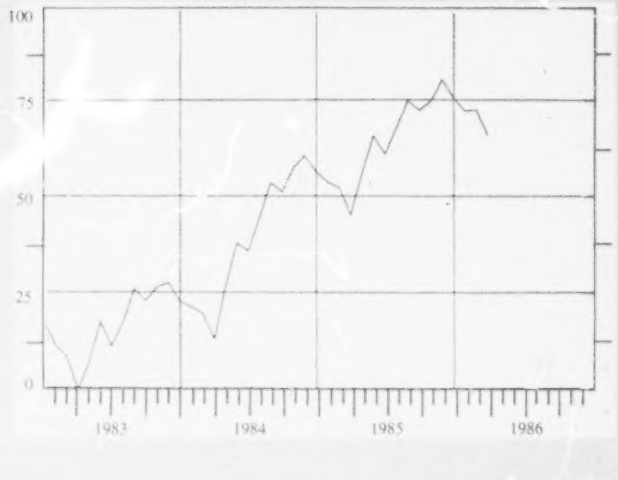
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	456.3	455.9	440.1	108.5	108.0	104.0	37.0	36.9	36.2
Total Manufacturing	104.8	105.9	106.2	16.8	16.8	16.5	10.3	10.4	10.3
Durable Goods	44.7	45.6	44.9	8.4	8.4	8.3	2.6	2.6	2.6
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.4	14.7	13.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.8	3.9	4.0	.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	4.1	4.1	4.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.1	9.8	9.7	3.3	3.3	3.5	0.8	0.8	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.5	9.4	10.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	*	*	0.1
Other Durable Goods 3/	3.8	3.7	3.4	1.5	1.5	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	60.1	60.3	61.3	8.4	8.4	8.2	7.7	7.8	7.7
Food and Kindred Products	8.4	8.5	8.1	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	7.0	7.0	7.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.3	1.3
Apparel	4.2	4.3	4.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	16.9	17.0	17.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.2	5.2	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.9	4.0	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.9	1.8
Leather and Leather Products	13.5	13.3	14.5	1.6	1.6	1.4	2.6	2.6	2.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	11.1	10.9	11.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.0	2.0	2.0
Other Leather Products	2.4	2.4	2.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.0	1.0	1.1	4.9	4.9	4.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	351.5	350.0	333.9	91.7	91.2	87.5	26.7	26.5	25.9
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	0.0
Contract Construction	20.4	20.4	17.7	5.4	5.3	4.8	1.5	1.5	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.6	19.1	18.8	5.7	5.8	5.6	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	22.7	22.5	21.2	8.7	8.7	8.5	1.9	1.8	1.9
Retail Trade	84.9	83.6	78.2	22.1	22.0	21.3	6.8	6.7	6.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	21.8	21.8	20.1	10.1	10.0	9.1	1.9	1.9	1.8
Services	93.3	92.7	90.2	25.0	24.7	23.6	9.3	9.4	9.3
Government	89.7	89.8	87.6	14.7	14.7	14.6	3.9	3.8	3.6
Federal	18.6	18.8	18.3	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	71.1	71.0	69.3	13.0	13.0	12.9	3.6	3.5	3.3
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.8	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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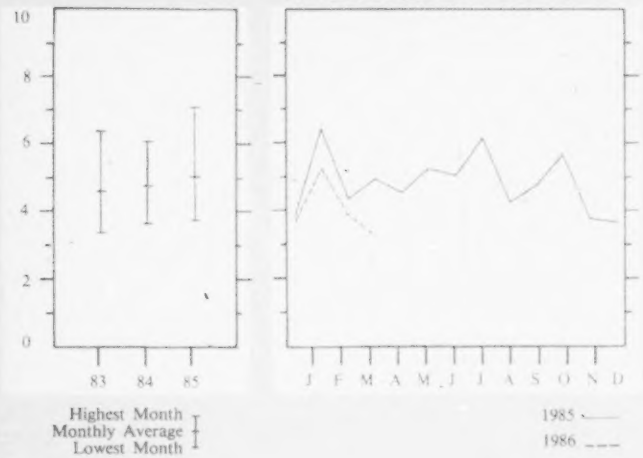
New Applications For Work

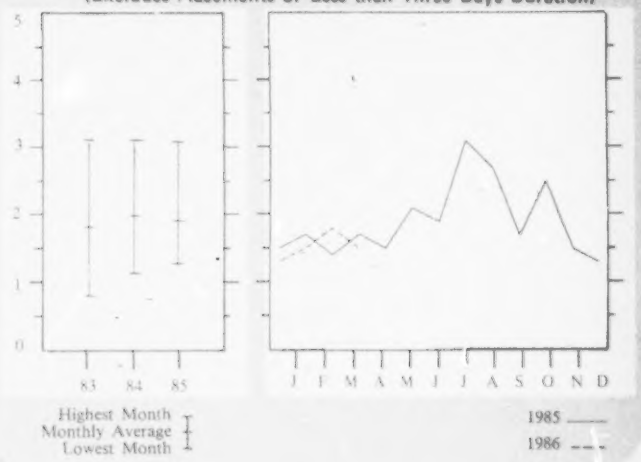
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1985	1984	1983
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$344.06	$346.18	$333.48	40.1	40.3	39.2	$8.58	$8.59	$8.40	$8.40	$8.05	$7.61
Durable Goods	348.90	353.38	341.65	40.7	40.9	40.1	8.57	8.64	8.52	8.46	8.22	8.04
Lumber and Wood Products	296.72	319.98	309.62	39.3	39.7	39.9	7.55	8.06	7.76	8.06	7.57	7.37
Primary and Fabricated Metals	349.03	358.52	328.05	41.9	43.3	40.6	8.33	8.28	8.08	8.25	7.89	7.75
Machinery, except Electrical	384.24	382.47	375.96	39.9	41.6	42.1	9.63	9.15	8.93	9.11	9.36	8.08
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	304.18	300.30	285.67	39.3	39.0	38.5	7.74	7.70	7.42	7.57	7.56	7.27
Other Durable Goods	476.60	429.57	409.25	43.4	43.0	40.6	10.06	9.99	10.08	9.50	9.51	9.31
Nondurable Goods	341.02	341.15	327.41	39.7	39.9	39.4	8.59	8.55	8.31	8.31	7.95	7.37
Food and Kindred Products	222.40	227.22	219.10	32.0	32.6	32.8	6.95	6.97	6.68	6.63	6.46	6.10
Textile Mill Products	292.77	279.07	280.69	41.1	41.1	42.4	6.88	6.79	6.62	6.64	6.13	5.87
Apparel	206.48	207.72	199.08	35.6	36.7	33.8	5.80	5.66	5.89	5.83	5.55	5.39
Paper and Allied Products	586.81	582.07	536.69	47.4	47.4	46.1	12.38	12.28	11.90	12.25	11.62	10.95
Leather and Leather Products	217.54	217.31	216.71	36.5	36.4	36.3	5.96	5.97	5.97	5.93	5.80	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	307.64	312.03	294.45	38.6	39.2	38.0	7.97	7.96	7.55	7.51	7.11	6.60
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	353.28	356.69	342.42	38.4	39.5	39.0	9.20	9.03	8.78	8.90	8.08	7.67
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	n/a	n/a	255.98	n/a	n/a	37.7	n/a	n/a	6.79	6.78	6.50	6.16

n/a Series discontinued

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	236.7	233.7	230.6
Unemployed	13.9	14.7	14.3
(Percent)	5.9%	6.3%	6.2%
Resident Employed	222.8	219.0	216.3

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	326.0	327.5	317.4	327.4

Percent Change for Past Month	- 0.5%
Percent Change from Last December	- 0.4%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+ 2.7%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	543.4	538.1	531.4	507.7	502.4	496.4	35.7	35.7	35.0	6.6	6.6	6.6
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	39,900	39,600	40,100	37,400	37,100	37,700	2,500	2,500	2,400	6.3	6.3	6.0
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	40,600	40,100	39,800	37,300	36,800	36,500	3,300	3,300	3,300	8.1	8.2	8.3
Portland MSA	110,700	109,200	107,000	106,900	105,500	103,200	3,800	3,700	3,800	3.4	3.4	3.6
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	120,570	118,750	114,570	116,620	114,680	109,170	3,950	4,070	5,400	3.3	3.4	4.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,350	29,940	30,390	28,440	27,970	28,330	1,910	1,970	2,060	6.3	6.6	6.8
Bath-Brunswick	25,260	25,030	24,590	24,130	23,860	23,440	1,130	1,170	1,150	4.5	4.7	4.7
Belfast	10,310	10,230	10,480	9,080	8,960	9,010	1,230	1,270	1,470	11.9	12.4	14.0
Biddeford	24,300	23,950	23,350	22,770	22,430	22,050	1,530	1,520	1,300	6.3	6.3	5.6
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	10,790	10,610	10,900	10,090	9,880	10,270	700	730	630	6.5	6.9	5.8
Calais-Eastport	12,690	12,690	12,230	11,140	11,120	10,880	1,550	1,570	1,350	12.2	12.4	11.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,490	21,060	20,930	19,430	19,090	18,860	2,060	1,970	2,070	9.6	9.4	9.9
Central Penobscot	2,770	2,770	2,500	2,530	2,530	2,240	240	240	260	8.7	8.7	10.4
Dover-Foxcroft	6,120	6,180	6,340	5,700	5,740	5,930	420	440	410	6.9	7.1	6.5
Ellsworth	20,470	20,150	19,640	18,510	18,160	17,920	1,960	1,990	1,720	9.6	9.9	8.8
Farmington	12,070	12,190	11,820	11,080	11,220	10,730	990	970	1,090	8.2	8.0	9.2
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,820	4,910	5,100	4,190	4,390	4,470	630	520	630	13.1	10.6	12.4
Greenville	1,060	1,140	1,100	930	1,030	960	130	110	140	12.3	9.6	12.7
Houlton	5,770	5,780	5,710	5,300	5,330	5,270	470	450	440	8.1	7.8	7.7
Kittery-York 3/	27,200	26,820	25,650	26,640	26,140	25,220	560	680	430	2.1	2.5	1.7
Lincoln-Howland	5,380	5,390	5,250	4,960	4,970	4,850	420	420	400	7.8	7.8	7.6
Livermore Falls	4,410	4,370	4,520	4,040	3,990	4,100	370	380	420	8.4	8.7	9.3
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,810	3,760	3,700	3,350	3,310	3,280	460	450	420	12.1	12.0	11.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,480	4,470	4,390	4,140	4,120	4,150	340	350	240	7.6	7.8	5.5
Norway-Paris	11,070	11,000	10,720	10,090	10,030	9,900	980	970	820	8.9	8.8	7.6
Patten-Island Falls	2,460	2,490	2,180	2,290	2,320	2,020	170	170	160	6.9	6.8	7.3
Rockland	16,840	17,060	16,750	15,680	15,900	15,530	1,150	1,160	1,220	6.8	6.8	7.3
Rumford	8,240	8,230	8,450	7,510	7,520	7,600	730	710	860	8.9	8.6	10.2
Sanford	15,360	15,230	14,970	14,250	14,050	13,920	1,110	1,180	1,050	7.2	7.7	7.0
Sebago Lakes Region	11,300	11,160	9,720	10,780	10,640	9,210	520	520	510	4.6	4.7	5.2
Skowhegan	21,460	21,040	21,030	19,450	19,010	19,090	2,010	2,030	1,940	9.4	9.6	9.2
Southwest Penobscot	10,200	10,120	10,210	9,210	9,120	9,250	990	1,000	960	9.7	9.9	9.4
Waterville	21,680	21,610	21,980	20,350	20,240	20,550	1,330	1,370	1,430	6.1	6.3	6.5
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,693.9	1,686.8	n/a	1,620.3	1,600.7	n/a	73.6	86.1	n/a	4.3	5.1
Massachusetts	3,049.0	3,027.0	3,028.6	2,918.0	2,898.0	2,886.6	131.0	129.0	142.1	4.3	4.3	4.7
New Hampshire	548.1	541.4	516.1	527.5	520.7	494.6	20.7	20.7	21.5	3.8	3.8	4.2
Rhode Island	500.4	496.9	494.8	476.8	470.7	466.7	23.6	26.2	28.1	4.7	5.3	5.7
Vermont	285.3	287.3	272.3	270.6	272.7	256.8	14.7	14.5	15.5	5.2	5.1	5.7
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,046.5	5,998.7	n/a	5,782.4	5,705.4	n/a	264.1	293.3	n/a	4.4	4.9
UNITED STATES 4/	116,309	115,725	114,394	107,643	106,685	105,768	8,667	9,041	8,625	7.5	7.8	7.5

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	14,150	15,090	16,499	1,500	1,380	1,642	1,357	1,553	1,608
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.2	3.4	3.9	1.5	4.0	1.8	3.9	1.6	4.7

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	4.2	4.2	7.0
Clerical and Sales	8.3	10.0	14.3
Service	6.2	7.0	10.2
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	8.3	2.8	3.0
Processing	4.2	5.6	3.8
Machine Trades	18.8	15.5	12.4
Benchwork	12.5	14.1	11.2
Structural Work	18.8	23.9	21.6
Miscellaneous	18.7	16.9	16.5

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	60.8	61.0	57.0
Under 22	6.1	6.2	6.3
22-24	10.5	10.7	10.6
25-34	32.5	32.3	29.8
35-39	11.7	11.8	10.3
Total 40 and Over	39.2	39.0	43.0
40-44	8.7	8.6	7.7
45-54	13.5	13.1	11.8
55-64	10.6	10.7	9.8
65 and Over	6.4	6.6	13.7

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JOB FUTURES: THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FORECAST TO 1995

THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH RECENTLY DEVELOPED STATEWIDE INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS TO 1995. THIS LATEST STUDY OF "JOB FUTURES" IS THE FIFTH OF ITS TYPE COMPLETED BY THE DIVISION SINCE 1971.

THE AVAILABILITY OF JOBS IS ONE OF MANY CONSIDERATIONS FACING PERSONS IN THE PROCESS OF CHOOSING A CAREER, THOSE WHO ARE PLANNING AND DEVELOPING RELEVANT EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND THOSE WHO ARE GUIDING AND COUNSELING YOUNG PEOPLE MAKING CAREER CHOICES. AT THE SAME TIME, THE LABOR MARKET IS GROWING MORE COMPLEX AS NEW TECHNOLOGIES EMERGE AND INDUSTRIES BECOME MORE MOBILE. IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPERATIVE THAT THOSE SEEKING JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN MAINE BE PROVIDED WITH DATA ON LABOR MARKET PROSPECTS AND THE OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK. THE FORECAST OF FUTURE OCCUPATIONAL DEMAND STARTS WITH A PROCESS OF ANALYZING THE HISTORICAL TRENDS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRY. THIS IS FOLLOWED BY THE SPECIFICATION OF ECONOMIC PROJECTION MODELS FOR THOSE INDUSTRIES.

THE PROJECTION OF INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT IS ACCOMPLISHED IN TWO STAGES. INITIAL PROJECTIONS ARE MADE USING THE ECONOMETRIC TECHNIQUES AVAILABLE THROUGH A COMPUTERIZED DATA ANALYSIS SYSTEM. THE RESULTING STATISTICALLY DERIVED PROJECTIONS ARE THEN TESTED FOR STATISTICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND REVIEWED BY ECONOMIC RESEARCH ANALYSTS WITHIN THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OTHER STATE ECONOMISTS, AND PRIVATE SECTOR ANALYSTS. INDUSTRY FORECASTS PRODUCED BY THE MODELS MAY BE ADJUSTED TO ACCOUNT FOR KNOWN DEVELOPMENTS THAT COULD NOT BE MEASURED.

ALL PROJECTIONS WERE BASED ON CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT CONDITIONS THAT WILL PREVAIL DURING THE PROJECTION PERIOD. THESE ECONOMIC ASSUMPTIONS WERE:

1. THE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED STATES ECONOMY WILL NOT CHANGE RADICALLY.
2. CURRENT SOCIAL, TECHNOLOGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC TRENDS WILL CONTINUE, INCLUDING VALUES PLACED ON WORK, EDUCATION, INCOME, AND LEISURE.
3. NO MAJOR EVENT SUCH AS WIDESPREAD OR LONG-LASTING ENERGY SHORTAGES OR WAR WILL SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER THE INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE OF THE ECONOMY OR ALTER THE RATE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH.

MAINE'S TOTAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE FROM 450,953 IN 1984 TO 524,428 WORKERS IN THE YEAR 1995, FOR AN INCREASE OF 16.3 PERCENT. THIS TOTAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT CAN BE BROKEN DOWN INTO SEVERAL MAJOR INDUSTRY DIVISIONS AND GROUPS. THE TABLE ON PAGE 2 SHOWS THE 1984 EMPLOYMENT FOR THESE INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATIONS, THE PROJECTED 1995 EMPLOYMENT, AND THE ABSOLUTE AND PERCENT CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF JOBS OVER THIS 11-YEAR PERIOD.

THE OCCUPATIONAL DEMAND TO 1995 PORTION OF THE STUDY WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE LABOR MARKET DIGEST. THE FORECASTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO UPDATE MAINE'S COMPUTERIZED CAREER INFORMATION DELIVERY SYSTEM SPONSORED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE MAINE OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE. LABOR MARKET INFORMATION SERVICES PUBLICATION "MAINE OCCUPATIONAL NEEDS - OUTLOOK TO 1995" WILL BE RELEASED LATER THIS YEAR. IT WILL SHOW 1984 EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION AND PROJECTED NEEDS TO 1995 FOR OVER 300 SELECTED DETAILED OCCUPATIONS.

IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR DESIRE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT RONALD LEONARD OR WENDY NELSON, MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH, 20 UNION STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330, OR TELEPHONE (207) 289-2271.

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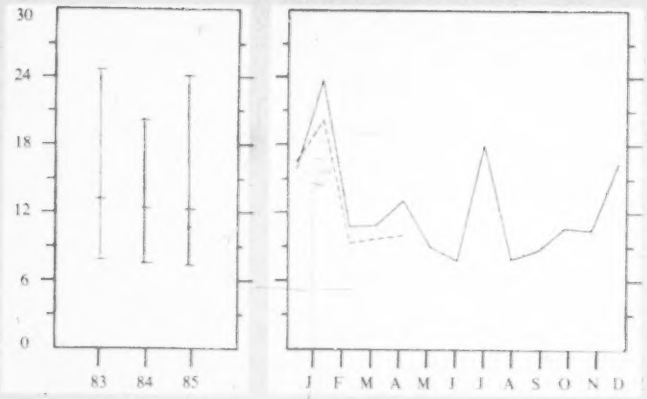

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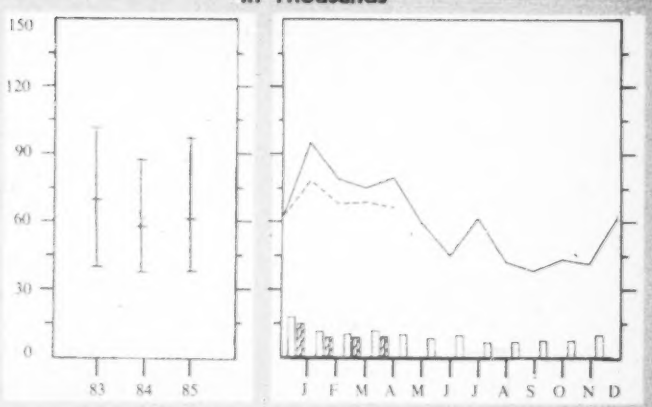

MAINE STATEWIDE WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

1984 AND PROJECTED 1995

Industry	1984 Employment	1995 Projected Employment	1984-1995 Absolute Change	1984-1995 Percent Change
Total, All Industries, Wage and Salary Workers	450,953	524,428	73,475	16.3
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	6,500	7,000	500	7.7
Construction	20,392	23,000	2,608	12.8
General Building Contractors	7,033	8,383	1,350	19.2
Heavy Construction Contractors	3,672	3,869	197	5.4
Special Trade Contractors	9,687	10,748	1,061	11.0
Manufacturing	110,496	114,935	4,439	4.0
Durable Goods	44,503	56,250	11,747	26.4
Lumber and Wood Products	14,173	14,000	-173	-1.2
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	1,030	1,250	220	21.4
Primary and Fabricated Metal Industries	3,814	5,400	1,586	41.6
Machinery, Except Electrical	4,219	6,000	1,781	42.2
Electric and Electronic Equipment	9,231	13,200	3,969	43.0
Transportation Equipment	9,573	13,400	3,827	40.0
Other Durable Goods	2,463	3,000	537	21.8
Nondurable Goods	65,993	58,685	-7,308	-11.1
Food and Kindred Products	7,881	7,940	59	0.7
Textile Mill Products	7,214	5,590	-1,624	-22.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	4,743	5,365	622	13.1
Paper and Allied Products	18,306	17,000	-1,306	-7.1
Printing and Publishing	4,571	6,000	1,429	31.3
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	3,914	4,520	606	15.5
Leather and Leather Products	18,186	11,100	-7,086	-39.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1,178	1,170	-8	-0.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	19,138	21,863	2,725	14.2
Local and Interurban Passenger Transit	1,073	1,390	317	29.5
Trucking and Warehousing	5,468	6,000	532	9.7
Other Transportation Industries	3,933	3,895	-38	-1.0
Communication	4,935	6,000	1,065	21.6
Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services, and Pipe Lines	3,729	4,578	849	22.8

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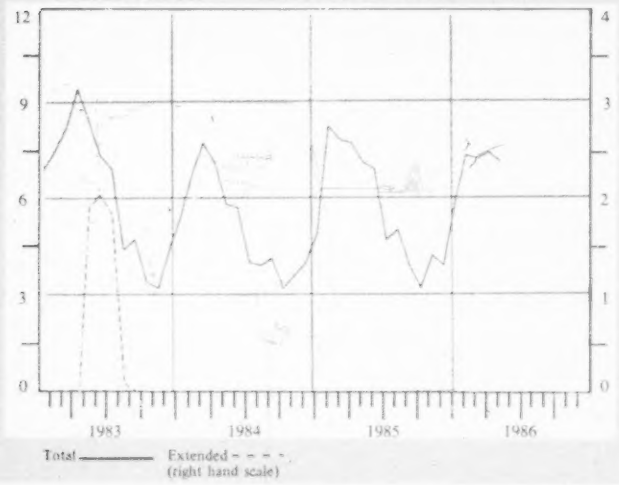
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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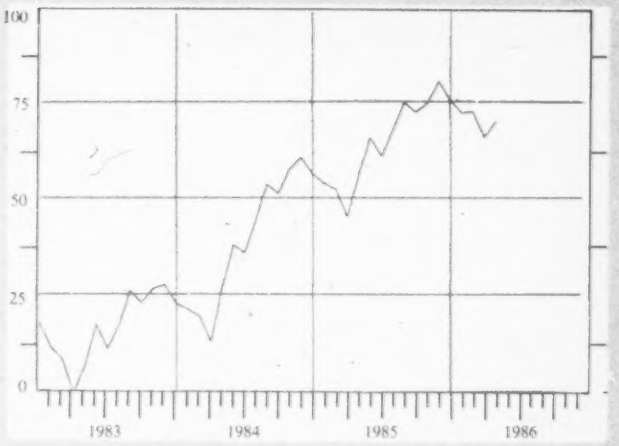

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	462.2	456.3	448.2	110.7	108.5	106.9	37.2	37.0	36.4
Total Manufacturing	103.3	104.8	105.8	16.9	16.8	16.7	10.4	10.3	10.4
Durable Goods	43.7	44.7	43.8	8.5	8.4	8.5	2.7	2.6	2.6
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.2	13.4	11.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.8	3.8	4.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	4.1	4.1	4.7	2.1	2.1	2.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.1	10.1	9.8	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.8	0.8	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.6	9.5	10.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.1	*	*
Other Durable Goods 3/	3.9	3.8	3.6	1.3	1.5	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	59.6	60.1	62.0	8.4	8.4	8.2	7.7	7.7	7.8
Food and Kindred Products	8.1	8.4	8.1	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
Textile Mill Products	7.1	7.0	7.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.3	1.3
Apparel	4.2	4.2	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	16.8	16.9	18.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.2	5.2	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.8	3.9	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.7	1.8	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	13.4	13.5	14.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	2.6	2.6	2.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	11.0	11.1	12.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.0	2.0	2.0
Other Leather Products	2.4	2.4	2.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.0	1.0	1.1	4.9	4.9	4.9	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	358.9	351.5	342.4	93.8	91.7	90.2	26.8	26.7	26.0
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	23.3	20.4	20.3	6.0	5.4	5.5	1.6	1.5	1.5
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.7	18.6	18.7	5.7	5.7	5.6	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	22.7	22.7	21.4	8.7	8.7	8.5	1.9	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade	86.9	84.9	81.3	22.6	22.1	21.9	6.8	6.8	6.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	22.1	21.8	20.6	10.3	10.1	9.4	2.0	1.9	1.8
Services	95.5	93.3	92.2	25.7	25.0	24.7	9.3	9.3	9.2
Government	89.6	89.7	87.8	14.8	14.7	14.6	3.8	3.9	3.7
Federal	19.0	18.6	18.6	1.8	1.7	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	70.6	71.1	69.2	13.0	13.0	12.8	3.5	3.6	3.4
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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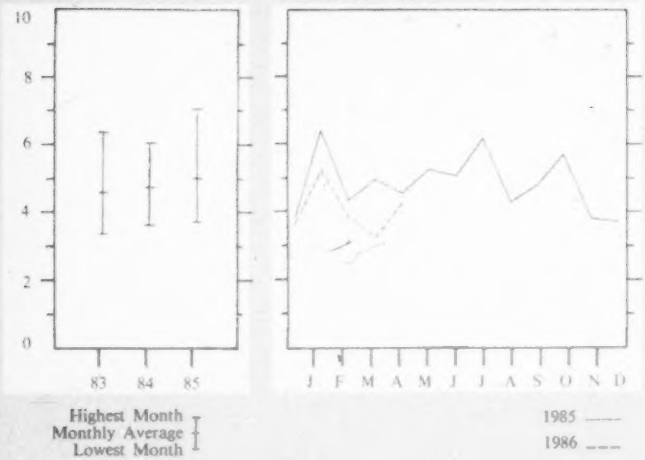
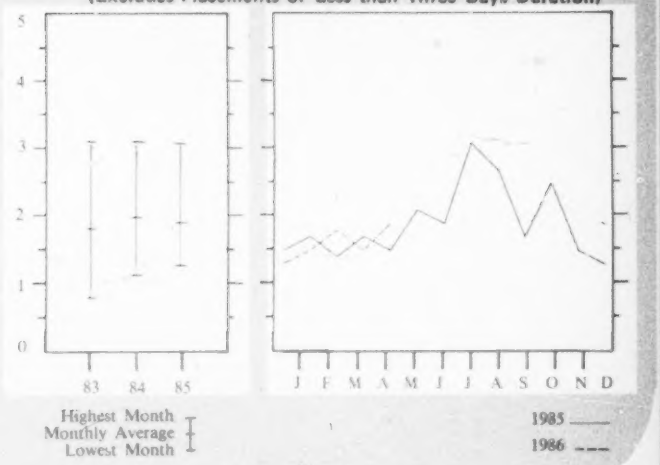


Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1985	1984	1983
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$342.91	$344.06	$330.66	40.2	40.1	39.6	$8.53	$8.58	$8.35	$8.40	$8.05	$7.61
Durable Goods	347.24	348.80	335.07	40.9	40.7	39.7	8.49	8.57	8.44	8.46	8.22	8.04
Lumber and Wood Products	289.20	296.72	291.05	40.0	39.3	40.2	7.23	7.55	7.24	8.06	7.57	7.37
Primary and Fabricated Metals	351.54	349.03	332.48	42.1	41.9	40.3	8.35	8.33	8.25	8.25	7.89	7.75
Machinery, except Electrical	401.55	384.24	366.02	41.1	39.9	40.4	9.77	9.63	9.06	9.11	8.36	8.08
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	301.47	304.18	280.86	39.0	39.3	37.2	7.73	7.74	7.55	7.57	7.56	7.27
Other Durable Goods	429.41	436.60	405.59	43.2	43.4	40.6	9.94	10.06	9.99	9.50	9.51	9.31
Nondurable Goods	339.83	341.02	327.85	39.7	39.7	39.5	8.56	8.59	8.30	8.31	7.95	7.37
Food and Kindred Products	230.62	222.40	220.32	32.3	32.0	34.0	7.14	6.95	6.48	6.63	6.46	6.10
Textile Mill Products	280.43	282.77	272.12	41.3	41.1	41.8	6.79	6.88	6.51	6.64	6.13	5.87
Apparel	207.86	206.48	194.44	35.9	35.6	32.9	5.79	5.80	5.91	5.83	5.55	5.39
Paper and Allied Products	568.70	586.81	542.85	46.5	47.4	45.2	12.23	12.38	12.01	12.25	11.62	10.95
Leather and Leather Products	221.17	217.54	219.23	36.8	36.5	36.5	6.01	5.96	5.99	5.93	5.80	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	317.85	307.64	292.47	39.0	38.6	39.1	8.15	7.97	7.48	7.51	7.11	6.60
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	358.68	353.28	326.00	39.2	38.4	37.3	9.15	9.20	8.74	8.90	8.08	7.67
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	n/a	n/a	259.99	n/a	n/a	37.9	n/a	n/a	6.86	6.78	6.58	6.16

n/a Series discontinued

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	240.4	236.7	232.1
Unemployed	13.9	13.9	13.5
(Percent)	5.8%	5.9%	5.8%
Resident Employed	226.5	222.8	218.6

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items	325.3	326.0	320.1	327.4

Percent Change for Past Month	- 0.2%
Percent Change from Last December	- 0.6%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+ 1.6%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	555.2	543.4	537.7	520.2	507.7	504.4	35.0	35.7	33.3	6.3	6.6	6.2
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	40,200	39,900	40,200	37,700	37,400	37,000	2,500	2,500	2,200	6.2	6.3	5.5
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	40,500	40,600	39,300	37,600	37,300	36,400	2,900	3,300	2,900	7.2	8.1	7.4
Portland MSA	113,000	110,700	109,200	109,500	106,900	105,700	3,500	3,800	3,500	3.1	3.4	3.2
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	124,860	120,570	116,750	121,210	116,620	112,060	3,650	3,950	4,690	2.9	3.3	4.0
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,610	30,350	30,780	28,950	28,440	29,150	1,660	1,910	1,630	5.4	6.3	5.3
Bath-Brunswick	25,590	25,260	24,760	24,580	24,130	23,800	1,010	1,130	960	3.9	4.5	3.9
Belfast	10,690	10,310	10,700	9,410	9,080	9,460	1,280	1,230	1,240	12.0	11.9	11.6
Biddeford	25,570	24,300	25,290	24,210	22,770	23,900	1,360	1,530	1,390	5.3	6.3	5.5
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	11,060	10,790	11,050	10,490	10,090	10,540	570	700	510	5.2	6.5	4.6
Calais-Eastport	13,290	12,690	12,580	11,570	11,140	11,090	1,720	1,550	1,490	12.9	12.2	11.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,780	21,490	20,860	19,690	19,430	19,090	2,090	2,060	1,770	9.6	9.6	8.5
Central Penobscot	2,710	2,770	2,460	2,450	2,530	2,190	260	240	270	9.6	8.7	11.0
Dover-Foxcroft	6,580	6,120	6,520	6,110	5,700	6,050	470	420	470	7.1	6.9	7.2
Ellsworth	21,750	20,470	20,230	19,880	18,510	18,680	1,870	1,960	1,550	8.6	9.6	7.7
Farmington	11,850	12,070	11,680	10,720	11,080	10,420	1,110	990	1,260	9.4	8.2	10.8
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,970	4,820	4,960	4,080	4,190	4,140	890	630	820	17.9	13.1	16.5
Greenville	1,060	1,060	1,020	850	930	810	210	130	210	19.8	12.3	20.6
Houlton	5,920	5,770	5,640	5,320	5,300	5,130	600	470	510	10.1	8.1	9.0
Kittery-York 3/	28,070	27,200	26,270	27,670	26,640	25,840	400	560	430	1.4	2.1	1.6
Lincoln-Howland	5,490	5,380	5,170	4,900	4,960	4,680	590	420	490	10.7	7.8	9.5
Livermore Falls	4,610	4,410	4,300	4,250	4,040	3,880	360	370	420	7.8	8.4	9.8
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,920	3,810	3,760	3,470	3,350	3,380	450	460	380	11.5	12.1	10.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,580	4,480	4,440	4,190	4,140	4,190	390	340	250	8.5	7.6	5.6
Norway-Paris	11,620	11,070	10,770	10,600	10,090	10,050	920	980	720	8.0	8.9	6.7
Patten-Island Falls	2,540	2,460	2,140	2,240	2,290	1,890	300	170	250	11.8	6.9	11.7
Rockland	16,710	16,840	16,810	15,460	15,690	15,750	1,250	1,150	1,060	7.5	6.8	6.3
Rumford	8,490	8,240	8,360	7,730	7,510	7,420	750	730	940	8.8	8.9	11.2
Sanford	15,590	15,360	15,100	14,670	14,250	14,110	920	1,110	990	5.9	7.2	6.6
Sebago Lakes Region	12,060	11,300	10,070	11,590	10,780	9,600	470	520	470	3.9	4.6	4.7
Skowhegan	22,480	21,460	21,060	20,360	19,450	19,000	2,120	2,010	2,060	9.4	9.4	9.8
Southwest Penobscot	10,490	10,200	10,190	9,560	9,210	9,320	930	990	870	8.9	9.7	8.5
Waterville	21,610	21,680	22,020	20,390	20,350	20,740	1,220	1,330	1,280	5.6	6.1	5.8
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,705.8	1,698.3	n/a	1,638.1	1,615.5	n/a	67.7	82.8	n/a	4.0	4.9
Massachusetts	3,036.0	3,049.0	3,038.5	2,919.0	2,918.0	2,925.9	116.0	131.0	112.6	3.8	4.3	3.7
New Hampshire	559.6	548.1	523.5	540.8	527.5	500.7	18.8	20.7	22.8	3.4	3.8	4.4
Rhode Island	500.9	500.4	500.3	481.4	476.8	473.3	19.5	23.6	27.0	3.9	4.7	5.4
Vermont	283.5	285.3	273.6	269.4	270.6	258.7	14.1	14.7	14.9	5.0	5.2	5.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,632.1	6,571.9	n/a	6,338.7	6,278.5	n/a	293.4	293.4	n/a	4.4	4.5
UNITED STATES 4/	116,317	116,309	114,325	108,201	107,643	106,175	8,115	8,667	8,150	7.0	7.5	7.1

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued Week Claimants	13,317	14,150	15,378	1,186	1,500	1,551	1,090	1,357	1,360
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.0	3.2	3.5	1.2	1.5	1.6	3.2	3.9	4.0

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

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INDUSTRY	1984 EMPLOYMENT	1995 PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT	1984-1995 ABSOLUTE CHANGE	1984-1995 PERCENT CHANGE
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	101,197	123,000	21,803	21.5
WHOLESALE TRADE	20,177	23,000	2,823	14.0
RETAIL TRADE	81,020	100,000	18,980	23.4
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	9,509	11,030	1,521	16.0
FOOD STORES	15,621	19,200	3,579	22.9
AUTOMOTIVE DEALERS AND SERVICE STATIONS	9,262	11,050	1,788	19.3
EATING AND DRINKING PLACES	23,806	30,100	6,294	26.4
MISCELLANEOUS AND OTHER RETAIL	22,822	28,620	5,798	25.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	19,067	24,395	5,328	27.9
BANKING	7,472	9,000	1,528	20.4
INSURANCE CARRIERS	5,065	7,100	2,035	40.2
INSURANCE AGENTS, BROKERS, AND SERVICES	2,274	2,600	326	14.3
REAL ESTATE	2,003	2,700	697	34.8
OTHER FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES	2,253	2,995	742	32.9
SERVICES	129,609	165,535	35,926	27.7
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	7,311	10,000	2,689	36.8
PERSONAL SERVICES	3,444	4,500	1,056	30.7
BUSINESS SERVICES	8,087	15,000	6,913	85.5
HEALTH SERVICES	39,224	50,500	11,276	28.7
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	41,037	44,000	2,963	7.2
SOCIAL SERVICES	6,356	9,000	2,644	41.6
MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS	5,659	6,500	841	14.9
PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS	5,855	6,500	645	11.0
MISCELLANEOUS AND OTHER SERVICES	12,636	19,535	6,899	54.6
GOVERNMENT 1/	44,554	44,700	146	0.3

1/ EXCLUDES HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS OPERATED BY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT. EMPLOYMENT IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATED HOSPITALS IS INCLUDED IN HEALTH SERVICES. EMPLOYMENT IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATED SCHOOLS IS INCLUDED IN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.

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LABOR MARKET DIGEST

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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

OCCUPATIONAL DEMAND: THE MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FORECAST TO 1995

THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH RECENTLY DEVELOPED STATEWIDE INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS TO 1995. THIS STUDY OF "JOB FUTURES" IS THE FIFTH OF ITS TYPE COMPLETED BY THE DIVISION SINCE 1971.

LAST MONTH'S ISSUE OF LABOR MARKET DIGEST FEATURED THE INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT SIDE OF THE PROJECTIONS. THIS ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS THE OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SIDE. THESE OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES COVER ALL MAINE WORKERS, INCLUDING SELF-EMPLOYED AND UNPAID FAMILY WORKERS. LAST MONTH'S ARTICLE ON INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT COVERED WAGE AND SALARY WORKERS ONLY, I.E., SELF-EMPLOYED AND UNPAID FAMILY WORKERS WERE EXCLUDED.

OCCUPATIONS ARE CLASSIFIED FROM THE FOUR VERY BROAD CATEGORIES OF WHITE COLLAR WORKERS, BLUE COLLAR WORKERS, SERVICE WORKERS, AND FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS, TO A VERY DETAILED OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM WHICH INCLUDES AROUND 1,200 SEPARATE TITLES. OVER THE ELEVEN-YEAR PROJECTION PERIOD, THE PAST TRENDS IN THESE FOUR BROAD CATEGORIES ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE. SERVICE WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE THE FASTEST, JUST OVER 25 PERCENT, AND WILL INCREASE THEIR SHARE OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT FROM 15 TO 16 PERCENT. WITHIN THIS CATEGORY, FOOD SERVICE OCCUPATIONS WILL ADD THE MOST NUMBER OF NEW WORKERS, BUT HEALTH SERVICES AND PERSONAL SERVICES WILL MAKE THE LARGEST RELATIVE GAINS IN EMPLOYMENT.

WHITE COLLAR WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY 21 PERCENT, GIVING THEM NEARLY 48 PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN 1995 COMPARED WITH 46 PERCENT IN 1984. THESE WORKERS INCLUDE PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL WORKERS, MANAGERS, SALES WORKERS, AND CLERICAL WORKERS. PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL WORKERS AND SALES WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE THE FASTEST, BUT HAVING A LARGE EMPLOYMENT BASE, THE PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL CATEGORY WILL ADD NEARLY THREE TIMES AS MANY NEW WORKERS AS WILL THE SALES CATEGORY. BLUE COLLAR WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY TEN PERCENT ADDING NEARLY 19,200 NEW JOBS OVER THIS ELEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES CRAFTS AND KINDRED WORKERS, OPERATIVES AND SEMISKILLED WORKERS, AND NONFARM LABORERS. OF THESE THREE, CRAFT WORKERS WILL FAIR THE BEST BY FAR, INCREASING EMPLOYMENT BY 17 PERCENT AND ADDING NEARLY 13,000 NEW WORKERS TO THEIR NUMBERS. THE LAST OF THE BASIC FOUR CATEGORIES, FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS, ARE EXPECTED TO DECLINE BY NEARLY 14 PERCENT DURING THIS PROJECTION PERIOD, LOSING OVER 300 PERSONS.

CREATING NEW JOBS THROUGH INDUSTRIAL GROWTH IS ONLY PART OF THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES PICTURE. ANOTHER MAJOR FACTOR FOR ASSESSING FUTURE OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS IS REPLACEMENT DEMAND. THIS IS THE NEED TO REPLACE THOSE WORKERS WHO DIE, RETIRE, OR OTHERWISE LEAVE THE WORK FORCE FOR REASONS SUCH AS DISABILITIES OR FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES. IN MOST OCCUPATIONS, MANY MORE WORKERS WILL BE NEEDED TO MEET REPLACEMENT DEMANDS THAN TO FILL NEW JOBS CREATED BY INDUSTRIAL GROWTH. THE TABLE ON PAGE 2 SHOWS EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION IN THE YEAR 1984, THE PROJECTED YEAR 1995, THE ABSOLUTE AND PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF JOBS OVER THIS ELEVEN-YEAR PERIOD, AND THE AVERAGE ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS FROM 1984 TO 1995. THIS LAST COLUMN DENOTES THE AVERAGE OPENINGS EXPECTED EACH YEAR DUE TO BOTH INDUSTRY EXPANSION AND REPLACEMENT NEEDS. ONE FACTOR, WHICH IS NOT REPRESENTED IN THESE ESTIMATES, IS OPENINGS CREATED BY GEOGRAPHIC OR OCCUPATIONAL MOBILITY. WHEN WORKERS MOVE TO A NEW LOCATION OR CHANGE JOBS, THEIR ORIGINAL POSITIONS ARE NOT COUNTED HERE AS JOB OPENINGS. ALTHOUGH THIS MOBILITY IS RECOGNIZED AS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE STUDY OF FUTURE JOB OPPORTUNITIES, IT IS A FACTOR WHICH IS VERY DIFFICULT TO GET A QUANTITATIVE ESTIMATE FOR.

AS MENTIONED IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE LABOR MARKET DIGEST, A PUBLICATION ENTITLED "MAINE OCCUPATIONAL NEEDS - OUTLOOK TO 1995" WILL BE RELEASED LATER THIS YEAR. IT WILL SHOW 1984 EMPLOYMENT AND PROJECTED NEEDS TO 1995 FOR OVER 300 SELECTED DETAILED OCCUPATIONS.

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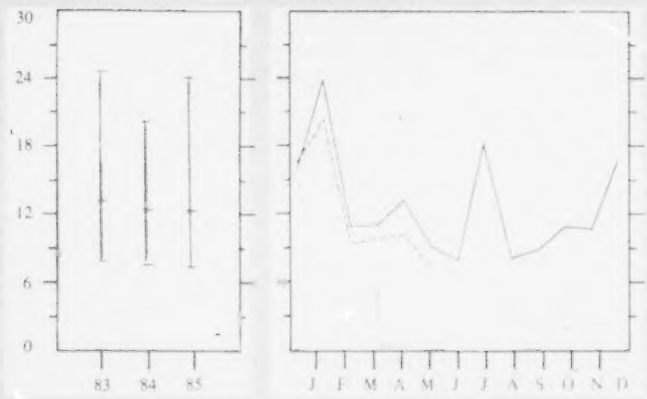
in Thousands



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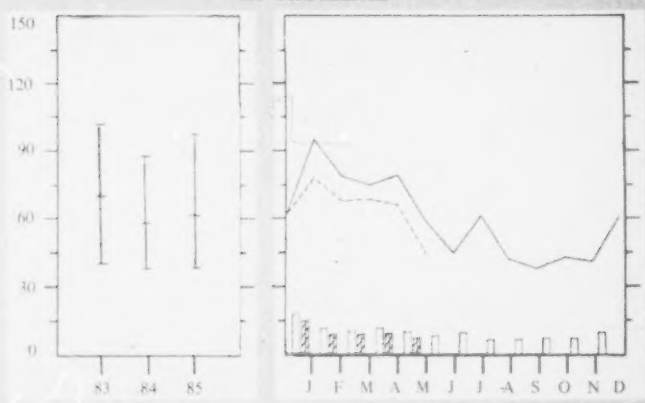

MAINE STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES BY OCCUPATION

1984 AND PROJECTED 1995 1/

Occupation	1984 Employment	1995 Projected Employment	1984-1995 Absolute Change	1984-1995 Percent Change	Average Annual Job Openings 1984-1995
Total, All Occupations, All Classes of Workers 2/...	512,095	599,528	87,433	17.1	28,990
Professional, Technical, and Kindred Occupations..	80,047	98,655	18,608	23.2	5,025
Engineers	5,622	5,052	1,430	39.5	243
Engineering and Science Technicians	5,380	6,725	1,345	25.0	216
Medical Workers, Except Technicians	12,164	15,904	3,740	30.7	898
Health Technologists and Technicians	7,499	8,755	1,256	16.5	421
Teachers	25,420	26,495	3,075	13.1	1,256
Writers, Artists, and Entertainers	4,589	5,710	1,321	30.1	318
All Other Professional and Technical Workers	23,574	30,055	6,461	27.4	1,675
Managers and Officials	47,484	57,906	10,422	21.9	3,164
Sales Workers	27,224	33,609	6,385	23.5	1,868
Sales Agents and Brokers, Insurance, Real Estate, Stock and Bond	2,600	3,590	990	38.1	259
Sales Clerks	14,583	17,546	2,963	20.3	926
All Other Sales Workers	10,042	12,473	2,431	24.2	682
Clerical Workers	81,248	95,212	13,964	17.2	4,738
Stenographers, Secretaries, and Typists	14,313	15,159	846	5.9	715
Office Machine Operators	3,220	4,104	884	27.5	191
Bank Tellers	3,050	3,716	666	21.8	175
Bookkeepers and Accounting Clerks	8,686	10,461	1,775	20.4	589
Cashiers	10,330	13,967	3,637	35.2	784
Shipping and Receiving Occupations	5,472	5,873	401	11.5	130
Stock, Procurement, and Yard Clerks	5,430	5,431	1	0.0	110
General Clerks, Office	9,261	10,634	1,373	14.8	586
All Other Clerical Workers	25,487	29,868	4,381	17.2	1,458
Crafts and Kindred Workers	72,003	84,850	12,847	17.8	3,632
Construction Crafts Workers	24,561	28,898	4,337	17.7	1,338
Blue Collar Worker Supervisors	7,871	9,135	1,264	16.1	370
Metal Working Crafts Workers, Except Mechanics..	4,943	5,954	1,011	20.5	230
Mechanics, Repairers, and Installers	16,107	19,138	3,031	18.8	721
Inspectors and Testers	3,674	4,111	437	11.9	172
Maintenance Repairers, General Utility	3,951	4,789	838	21.2	228
All Other Crafts and Kindred Workers	10,897	12,825	1,928	17.7	573

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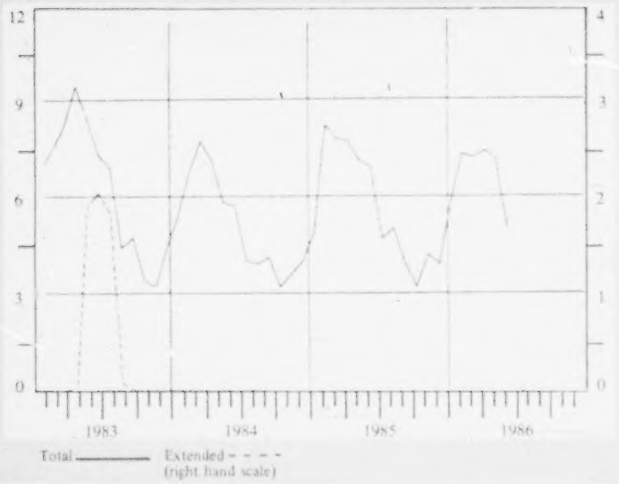
Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

UI Benefit Payments

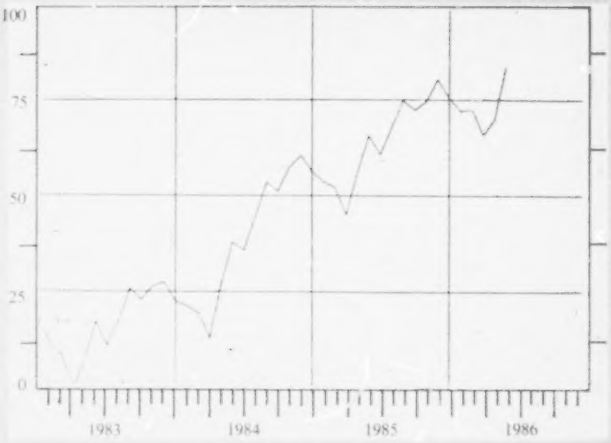
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	472.4	462.2	457.0	112.3	110.7	108.4	37.8	37.2	37.2
Total Manufacturing	104.4	103.3	106.0	16.7	16.9	16.6	10.5	10.4	10.7
Durable Goods	44.0	43.7	43.9	8.4	8.5	8.4	2.7	2.7	2.7
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.5	12.2	11.9	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.9	3.8	4.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	4.0	4.1	4.7	2.1	2.1	2.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.2	10.1	9.8	3.6	3.5	3.4	0.8	0.8	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.4	9.6	9.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.0	3.9	3.8	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	60.4	59.6	62.1	8.5	8.4	8.2	7.8	7.7	8.0
Food and Kindred Products	8.0	8.1	7.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.8	0.9	0.8
Textile Mill Products	7.0	7.1	6.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.3	1.3
Apparel	4.2	4.2	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.4	16.8	17.9	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.6	0.5	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.2	5.2	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.9	3.8	3.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.7	1.7	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	13.5	13.4	15.1	1.6	1.6	1.5	2.7	2.6	2.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	11.1	11.0	12.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.1	2.0	2.2
Other Leather Products	2.4	2.4	2.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.2	1.0	1.3	5.0	4.9	4.8	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	368.0	358.9	351.0	95.4	93.8	91.8	27.3	26.8	26.5
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	26.9	23.3	23.5	6.5	6.0	6.1	1.7	1.6	1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.1	18.7	19.2	5.8	5.7	5.6	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	23.3	22.7	21.9	8.8	8.7	8.7	1.9	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade	91.1	86.9	85.7	23.3	22.6	22.6	7.0	6.8	6.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	22.5	22.1	20.7	10.4	10.3	9.5	2.0	2.0	1.9
Services	98.0	95.5	94.4	26.6	25.7	25.6	9.5	9.3	9.3
Government	87.0	89.6	85.4	14.0	14.8	13.7	3.8	3.8	3.7
Federal	18.7	19.0	18.4	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	68.3	70.6	67.0	12.2	13.0	12.0	3.5	3.5	3.4
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.0	*	*	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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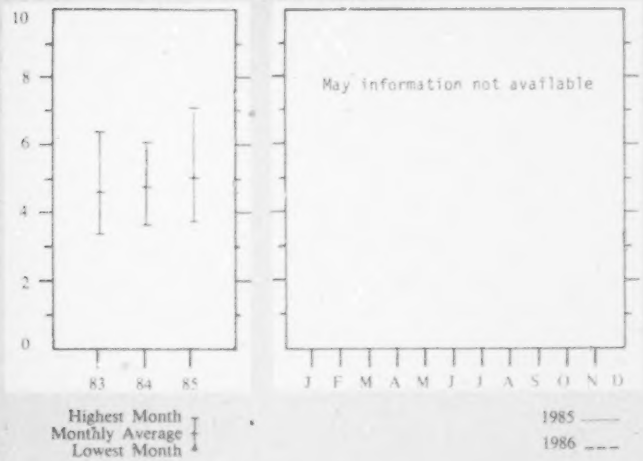
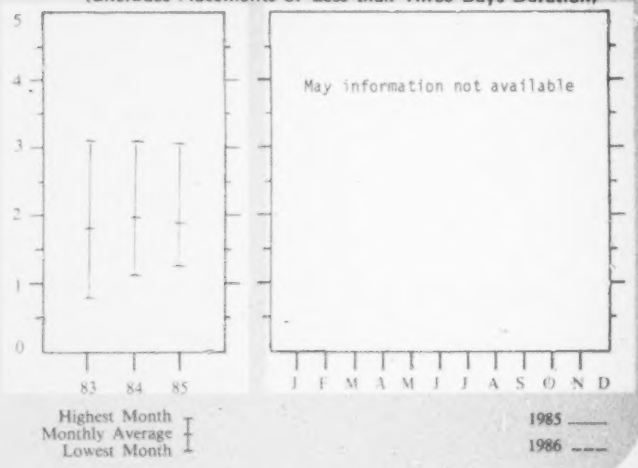


Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1985	1984	1983
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$347.09	$342.91	$332.43	40.5	40.2	40.1	$8.57	$8.53	$8.29	$8.40	$8.05	$7.61
Durable Goods	346.49	347.24	334.00	41.2	40.9	40.0	8.41	8.49	8.35	8.46	8.22	8.04
Lumber and Wood Products	296.12	289.20	308.59	40.9	40.0	41.2	7.24	7.23	7.49	9.06	7.57	7.37
Primary and Fabricated Metals	365.94	351.54	343.62	42.7	42.1	41.3	8.57	8.35	8.32	8.25	7.89	7.75
Machinery, except Electrical	398.93	401.55	361.58	40.5	41.1	40.4	9.85	9.77	8.95	9.11	8.36	8.08
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	304.96	301.47	289.45	38.7	39.0	38.8	7.88	7.73	7.46	7.57	7.56	7.27
Other Durable Goods	412.38	429.41	379.06	43.5	43.2	39.2	9.48	9.94	9.67	9.50	9.51	9.31
Nondurable Goods	346.73	339.83	331.25	39.9	39.7	40.2	8.69	8.56	8.24	8.31	7.95	7.37
Food and Kindred Products	249.90	230.62	245.32	35.0	32.3	37.8	7.14	7.14	6.49	6.63	6.46	6.10
Textile Mill Products	292.17	280.43	277.55	42.1	41.3	41.8	6.94	6.79	6.64	6.64	6.13	5.87
Apparel	194.59	207.86	204.05	33.9	35.9	35.0	5.74	5.79	5.83	5.83	5.55	5.39
Paper and Allied Products	577.30	568.70	539.02	46.0	46.5	44.4	12.55	12.23	12.14	12.25	11.62	10.95
Leather and Leather Products	220.95	221.17	222.59	36.4	36.8	37.6	6.07	6.01	5.92	5.93	5.80	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	308.51	317.89	294.62	39.3	39.0	39.6	7.85	8.15	7.44	7.51	7.11	6.60
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	357.89	358.68	336.54	38.4	39.2	38.2	9.32	9.15	8.81	8.90	8.08	7.67
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	n/a	n/a	267.42	n/a	n/a	39.5	n/a	n/a	6.77	6.78	6.58	6.16

n/a Series discontinued

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	244.6	240.4	234.5
Unemployed	14.1	13.9	13.5
(Percent)	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%
Resident Employed	230.5	226.5	221.0

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	326.3	325.3	321.3	327.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+ 0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	- 0.3%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+ 1.6%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	561.2	555.2	542.6	532.1	520.2	513.9	29.1	35.0	28.7	5.2	6.3	5.3
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	39,600	40,200	39,400	37,600	37,700	37,600	2,000	2,500	1,800	5.1	6.2	4.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	40,600	40,500	39,700	38,100	37,600	37,200	2,500	2,900	2,500	6.2	7.2	6.3
Portland MSA	114,200	113,000	110,000	111,100	109,500	107,000	3,100	3,500	3,000	2.7	3.1	2.7
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	125,230	119,360	n/a	121,600	114,810	n/a	3,630	4,550	n/a	2.9	3.8
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	31,040	30,610	31,020	29,540	28,950	29,640	1,500	1,660	1,380	4.8	5.4	4.4
Bath-Brunswick	25,740	25,590	24,880	24,880	24,580	23,940	860	1,010	940	3.3	3.9	3.8
Belfast	11,060	10,690	10,840	10,100	9,410	9,790	960	1,280	1,050	8.7	12.0	9.7
Biddeford	26,170	25,570	25,060	25,050	24,210	23,990	1,120	1,360	1,070	4.3	5.3	4.3
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	12,420	11,060	11,810	11,930	10,490	11,380	490	570	430	3.9	5.2	3.6
Calais-Eastport	13,320	13,290	12,620	11,860	11,570	11,410	1,460	1,720	1,210	11.0	12.9	9.6
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,790	21,780	20,830	20,080	19,690	19,330	1,710	2,090	1,500	7.8	9.6	7.2
Central Penobscot	2,750	2,710	2,570	2,550	2,450	2,350	200	260	220	7.3	9.6	8.6
Dover-Foxcroft	6,590	6,580	6,550	6,190	6,110	6,200	400	470	350	6.1	7.1	5.3
Ellsworth	22,470	21,750	21,230	21,060	19,880	20,000	1,410	1,870	1,230	6.3	8.6	5.8
Farmington	11,630	11,830	11,250	10,600	10,720	10,060	1,030	1,110	1,190	8.9	9.4	10.6
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,860	4,970	4,900	4,110	4,080	4,160	750	890	740	15.4	17.9	15.1
Greenville	1,120	1,060	1,070	970	850	920	150	210	150	13.4	19.8	14.0
Houlton	6,000	5,920	5,880	5,550	5,320	5,460	450	600	420	7.5	10.1	7.1
Kittery-York 3/	28,650	28,070	26,880	28,340	27,670	26,520	310	400	360	1.1	1.4	1.3
Lincoln-Howland	5,480	5,490	5,280	5,010	4,900	4,900	470	590	380	8.6	10.7	7.2
Livermore Falls	4,560	4,610	4,500	4,250	4,250	4,140	310	360	360	6.8	7.8	8.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,830	3,920	3,710	3,480	3,470	3,390	350	450	320	9.1	11.5	8.6
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,480	4,580	4,500	4,190	4,190	4,260	290	390	240	6.5	8.5	5.3
Norway-Paris	11,460	11,520	10,950	10,720	10,600	10,290	740	920	660	6.5	8.0	6.0
Patten-Island Falls	2,630	2,540	2,210	2,370	2,240	1,980	260	300	230	9.9	11.8	10.4
Rockland	17,110	16,710	17,200	16,070	15,460	16,180	1,040	1,250	1,020	6.1	7.5	5.9
Rumford	8,410	8,480	8,230	7,740	7,730	7,450	670	750	780	8.0	8.8	9.5
Sanford	15,420	15,590	15,070	14,640	14,670	13,990	780	920	1,080	5.1	5.9	7.2
Sebago Lakes Region	12,540	12,060	10,440	12,150	11,590	10,040	390	470	400	3.1	3.9	3.8
Skowhegan	23,040	22,480	21,790	21,300	20,360	19,980	1,740	2,120	1,810	7.6	9.4	8.3
Southwest Penobscot	10,480	10,490	10,080	9,720	9,560	9,380	760	930	700	7.3	8.9	6.9
Waterville	21,840	21,610	22,100	20,880	20,390	20,890	960	1,220	1,210	4.4	5.6	5.5
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,719.3	1,705.9	n/a	1,656.7	1,624.7	n/a	62.6	81.2	n/a	3.6	4.8
Massachusetts	3,047.0	3,036.0	3,062.5	2,925.0	2,919.0	2,957.4	122.0	116.0	105.0	4.0	3.8	3.4
New Hampshire	562.5	559.5	528.8	544.5	540.8	507.5	18.0	18.7	21.3	3.2	3.3	4.0
Rhode Island	507.4	500.9	504.6	489.9	481.4	479.8	17.5	19.5	24.8	3.4	3.9	4.9
Vermont	282.2	283.5	274.9	269.4	269.4	262.3	12.8	14.1	12.6	4.5	5.0	4.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,098.2	6,619.2	n/a	5,867.3	6,345.6	n/a	230.9	273.6	n/a	3.8	4.1
UNITED STATES 4/	117,199	116,317	114,890	109,041	108,281	106,880	8,158	8,115	8,011	7.0	7.0	7.0

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	8,905	13,317	10,922	855	1,090	1,036	780	1,186	974
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.0	3.0	2.5	0.8	3.2	1.1	2.2	1.2	2.8

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

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OCCUPATION	1984 EMPLOYMENT	1995 PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT	1984-1995 ABSOLUTE CHANGE	1984-1995 PERCENT CHANGE	AVERAGE ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS 1984-1995
OPERATIVES AND SEMISKILLED WORKERS	77,014	79,512	2,498	3.2	2,557
SEMISKILLED METALWORKING OPERATIVES	5,605	7,138	1,533	27.4	301
SEMISKILLED TEXTILE OPERATIVES	3,629	2,964	-665	-18.3	66
SEM SKILLED PACKING AND INSPECTING OPERATIVES	4,900	4,864	-36	-0.7	172
ASSEMBLERS	6,269	8,254	1,985	31.7	404
SEWERS AND STITCHERS	4,841	4,394	-447	-9.2	143
SHOEMAKING MACHINE OPERATORS	5,977	3,578	-2,399	-40.1	-59
MACHINE OPERATIVES, PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	3,046	2,848	-198	-6.5	60
DELIVERY AND ROUTE WORKERS	4,318	4,979	661	15.3	131
TRUCK DRIVERS	8,447	9,598	1,151	13.6	273
ALL OTHER OPERATIVES AND SEMISKILLED WORKERS	29,982	30,895	913	3.0	1,070
SERVICE WORKERS	78,394	98,595	20,201	25.8	5,855
CLEANING SERVICE WORKERS	14,225	17,672	3,447	24.2	1,256
FOOD SERVICE WORKERS	31,756	39,341	7,585	23.9	1,954
HEALTH SERVICE WORKERS	9,552	13,187	3,635	38.1	748
PERSONAL SERVICE WORKERS	8,183	10,954	2,771	33.9	726
PROTECTIVE SERVICE WORKERS	7,276	8,848	1,572	21.6	606
PRIVATE HOUSEHOLD WORKERS	4,916	5,455	539	11.0	410
ALL OTHER SERVICE WORKERS	2,485	3,137	652	26.2	156
LABORERS, EXCEPT FARM	38,961	42,804	3,843	9.9	1,829
FARMERS AND FARM WORKERS	9,721	8,385	-1,336	-13.7	325

1/ DETAIL MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING.

2/ INCLUDES SELF-EMPLOYED AND UNPAID FAMILY WORKERS.

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STATE AND METROPOLITAN AREA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT: MAY 1986

NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT WAS HIGHER IN MAY 1986 THAN A YEAR EARLIER IN 40 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ACCORDING TO THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. IN MAINE, 472,400 PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED ON NONFARM PAYROLLS IN MAY 1986 AS COMPARED WITH 457,000 IN MAY 1985. OVER-THE-YEAR DECREASES IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES WERE REPORTED IN 27 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND FIVE STATES HAD NO CHANGE. NATIONALLY, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR ALL CIVILIAN WORKERS, AT 7.0 PERCENT, NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, WAS THE SAME AS IN MAY 1985.

OF THE STATES REPORTING OVER-THE-YEAR DECREASES IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR MAY 1986, ONLY SEVEN PLUS THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HAD DECLINES OF ONE PERCENTAGE POINT OR MORE. THE LARGEST DECLINE, 2.1 PERCENTAGE POINTS, WAS IN NEVADA. MAINE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECLINED BY ONE TENTH OF ONE PERCENT. TEXAS EXPERIENCED THE LARGEST INCREASE -- 2.7 PERCENTAGE POINTS. TWENTY-ONE STATES REPORTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATES BELOW 6 PERCENT; THE LOWEST RATES WERE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (3.2 PERCENT), RHODE ISLAND (3.4 PERCENT), CONNECTICUT (3.5 PERCENT), AND MARYLAND (3.7 PERCENT). MAINE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE STOOD AT 5.2 PERCENT.

OF THE 235 AREAS FOR WHICH MAY 1986 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES WERE AVAILABLE, THE LOWEST RATES WERE REPORTED FOR STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT (2.5 PERCENT); PORTLAND, MAINE (2.7 PERCENT); HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT; LINCOLN, NEBRASKA; AND BURLINGTON, VERMONT (3.0 PERCENT EACH).

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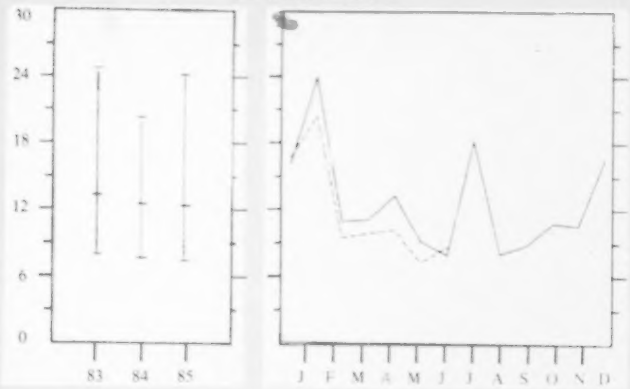
in Thousands



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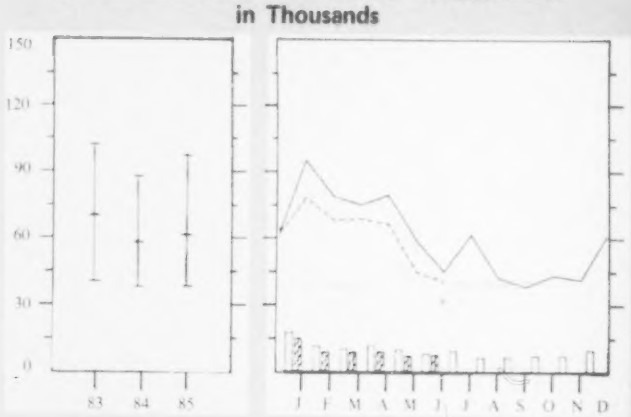


RESULTS OF 1986 MAINE HOSPITAL WAGE SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE

THE WAGE SURVEY OF HOSPITAL OCCUPATIONS WAS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT UNDERTAKEN WITH THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION. THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY, WHICH IS CONDUCTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, IS TO PROVIDE THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, ITS MEMBER HOSPITALS, OTHER EMPLOYERS, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPARE WAGE SCALES. THE SURVEY'S WAGE INFORMATION IS ALSO AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PERTINENT OCCUPATIONAL FACTS THAT THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH MAKES AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PLANNERS AND CAREER COUNSELORS. PEOPLE IN NEED OF OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION FOR CAREER DECISION-MAKING CAN USE THE SURVEY DATA TO ASSIST THEM IN DECIDING UPON A CAREER.

DURING THE FALL OF 1985, ALL MEMBER HOSPITALS OF THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE WAGE SURVEY BY INDICATING THE WAGE RATES WHICH WOULD BE IN EFFECT FOR 54 SELECTED NONADMINISTRATIVE OCCUPATIONS ON JANUARY 1, 1986. FORTY-TWO OF THE 43 MEMBER HOSPITALS PROVIDED USABLE WAGE DATA. THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT REPORTED FOR ALL THE OCCUPATIONS WAS 11,363. THIS EMPLOYMENT FIGURE REPRESENTS NEARLY THREE-FIFTHS OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT OF ALL PRIVATE HOSPITALS IN MAINE. OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT REPORTED, OVER 38 PERCENT (4,373) OF THE EMPLOYEES WERE CLASSIFIED AS PROFESSIONAL WORKERS.

OCCUPATIONAL WAGE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PUBLISHED FOR ONLY THOSE OCCUPATIONS WHERE THREE OR MORE HOSPITALS REPORTED DATA. THE INFORMATION FROM ALL RESPONDENTS HAS BEEN KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED IN ANY MANNER THAT WOULD PERMIT IDENTIFICATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL HOSPITAL. ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS PUBLICATION IS WAGE DATA FOR FIVE REGIONS DESIGNATED BY THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN A BROCHURE WHICH IS AVAILABLE FROM THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH FOR A FEE OF $2.50.

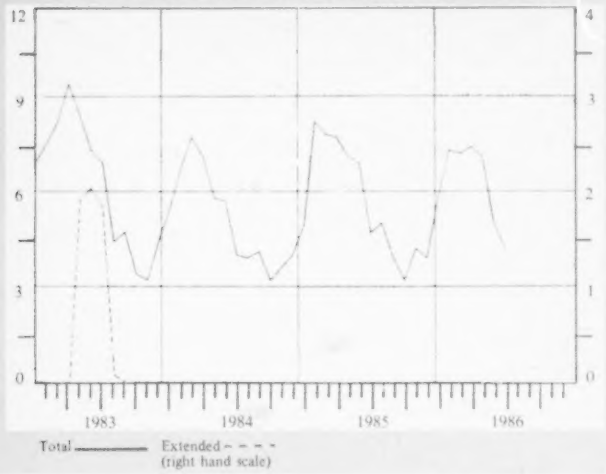
Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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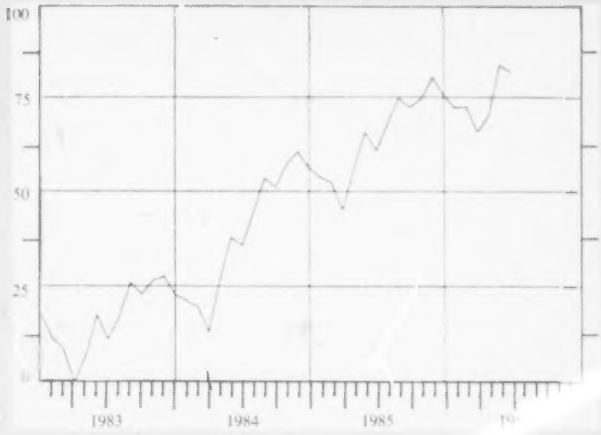
(End of Month)



•Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	481.8	472.4	469.8	113.8	112.3	110.8	37.°	37.8	37.5
Total Manufacturing	105.9	104.4	108.1	17.0	16.9	16.8	10.7	10.5	11.1
Durable Goods	44.8	44.0	44.8	8.3	8.4	8.4	2.7	2.7	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.2	12.5	13.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.8	3.9	4.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Machinery, except Electrical	4.0	4.0	4.7	2.1	2.1	2.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.3	10.2	9.8	3.6	3.6	3.4	0.8	0.8	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.3	9.4	9.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	*	0.1	*
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.2	4.0	3.9	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.5
Nondurable Goods	61.1	60.4	63.3	8.7	8.5	8.4	8.0	7.8	8.2
Food and Kindred Products	8.0	8.0	8.3	2.0	1.9	1.9	0.9	0.8	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.1	7.0	6.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.3	1.3
Apparel	4.1	4.2	4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	17.4	18.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.6	0.6	0.6
Printing and Publishing	5.3	5.2	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	4.0	3.9	3.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	1.7	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	13.5	13.5	15.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	2.7	2.7	2.9
Footwear (except Rubber)	11.1	11.1	12.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.1	2.1	2.3
Other Leather Products	2.4	2.4	2.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.3	1.2	1.2	5.2	5.0	5.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	375.9	368.0	361.7	96.8	95.4	94.0	27.2	27.3	26.4
Mining	0.2	0.1	0.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	28.7	26.9	25.1	6.8	6.5	6.4	1.8	1.7	1.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.3	19.1	19.7	5.8	5.8	5.7	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	23.5	23.3	22.5	8.8	8.8	8.8	2.0	1.9	1.9
Retail Trade	94.3	93.1	90.6	24.3	23.3	23.6	7.0	7.0	6.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	22.9	22.5	21.1	10.6	10.4	9.7	2.0	2.0	1.9
Services	101.1	98.0	97.9	26.8	26.6	26.2	9.2	9.5	9.0
Government	85.9	87.0	84.6	13.7	14.0	13.6	3.8	3.8	3.7
Federal	18.6	18.7	18.6	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	67.3	68.3	66.0	11.9	12.2	11.9	3.5	3.5	3.4
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.0	*	*	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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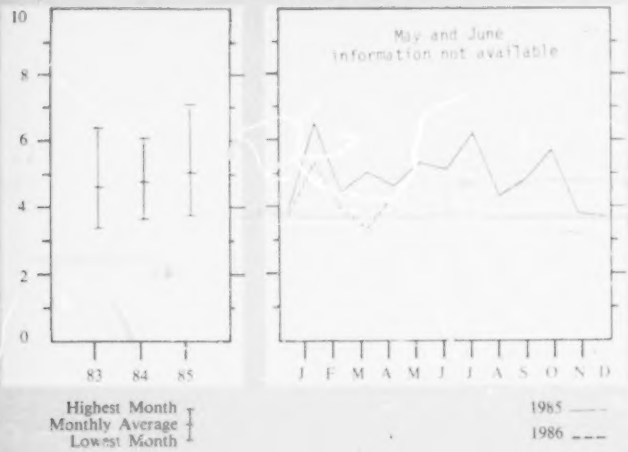

Nonfarm Placements

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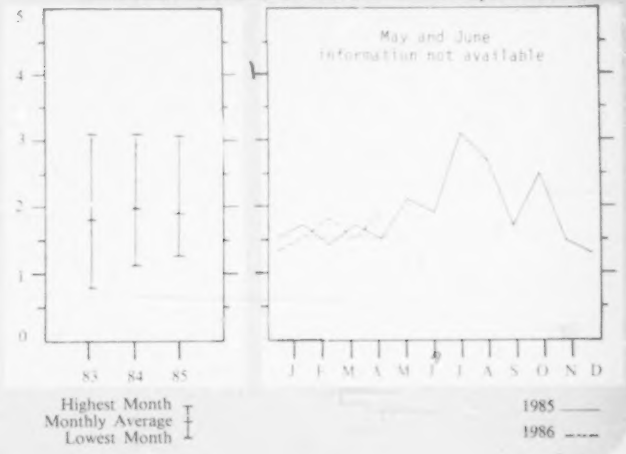
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1985	1984	1983
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$348.84	$347.09	$334.06	40.8	40.5	40.2	$8.55	$8.57	$8.31	$8.40	$8.05	$7.61
Durable Goods	340.68	346.49	337.31	40.8	41.2	40.3	8.35	8.41	8.37	8.46	8.22	8.04
Lumber and Wood Products	292.70	296.12	312.07	39.5	40.9	40.9	7.41	7.24	7.63	8.06	7.57	7.37
Primary and Fabricated Metals	368.07	365.94	322.58	42.7	42.7	39.1	8.62	8.57	8.25	8.25	7.89	7.75
Machinery, except Electrical	395.65	398.93	375.90	41.3	40.5	42.0	9.58	9.85	8.95	9.11	8.36	8.08
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	308.77	304.96	301.32	38.5	38.7	39.7	8.02	7.88	7.59	7.57	7.56	7.27
Other Durable Goods	394.55	412.38	383.27	43.5	43.5	39.8	9.07	9.48	9.63	9.50	9.51	9.31
Nondurable Goods	354.09	346.73	332.45	40.7	39.9	40.2	8.70	8.69	8.27	8.31	7.95	7.37
Food and Kindred Products	257.04	249.90	249.08	36.0	35.0	36.9	7.14	7.14	6.75	6.63	6.46	6.10
Textile Mill Products	299.05	292.17	274.98	42.6	42.1	41.6	7.02	6.94	6.61	6.64	6.13	5.87
Apparel	200.01	194.59	201.58	35.4	33.9	34.4	5.65	5.74	5.86	5.83	5.55	5.39
Paper and Allied Products	571.58	577.30	532.80	45.8	46.0	44.4	12.48	12.55	12.00	12.25	11.62	10.95
Leather and Leather Products	224.47	220.95	224.96	37.6	36.4	38.0	5.97	6.07	5.92	5.83	5.80	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	317.59	308.51	332.45	40.1	39.3	40.2	7.92	7.85	8.27	7.51	7.11	6.60
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	356.45	357.89	346.82	39.3	38.4	39.1	9.07	9.32	8.87	8.90	8.08	7.67
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	n/a	n/a	267.47	n/a	n/a	40.1	n/a	n/a	6.67	6.78	6.58	6.16

n/a Series discontinued

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	250.5	244.6	243.0
Unemployed	15.1	14.1	15.0
(Percent)	6.0%	5.8%	6.2%
Resident Employed	235.4	230.5	228.0

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items	327.9	326.3	322.3	327.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+ 0.5%
Percent Change from Last December	+ 0.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+ 1.7%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	572.3	561.2	558.2	544.3	532.1	530.3	28.0	29.1	27.9	4.9	5.2	5.0
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	39,700	39,600	39,900	37,800	37,600	38,100	1,900	2,000	1,800	4.8	5.1	4.5
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	40,400	40,600	40,000	38,000	38,100	37,500	2,400	2,500	2,500	5.9	6.2	6.3
Portland MSA	115,300	114,200	112,400	112,100	111,100	109,300	3,200	3,100	3,100	2.8	2.7	2.8
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	130,880	127,280	122,910	127,380	123,970	118,380	3,500	3,310	4,530	2.7	2.6	3.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	31,350	31,040	31,380	29,830	29,540	29,970	1,520	1,500	1,410	4.8	4.8	4.5
Bath-Brunswick	26,050	25,740	25,000	25,190	24,880	24,050	860	860	950	3.3	3.3	3.8
Belfast	11,130	11,060	10,960	10,240	10,100	9,980	890	960	980	8.0	8.7	8.9
Biddeford	27,140	26,170	26,220	26,030	25,050	25,150	1,110	1,120	1,070	4.1	4.3	4.1
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	14,100	12,420	13,530	13,620	11,930	13,090	480	490	440	3.4	3.9	3.3
Calais-Eastport	13,470	13,320	13,030	12,140	11,860	11,880	1,330	1,460	1,150	9.9	11.0	8.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,290	21,790	21,720	20,670	20,080	19,480	1,620	1,710	1,610	7.3	7.8	7.6
Central Penobscot	2,940	2,750	2,760	2,760	2,550	2,540	180	200	220	6.1	7.3	8.0
Dover-Foxcroft	6,640	6,590	6,590	6,260	6,190	6,280	380	400	310	5.7	6.1	4.7
Ellsworth	24,120	22,470	23,040	22,900	21,060	21,950	1,220	1,410	1,090	5.1	6.3	4.7
Farmington	11,410	11,630	11,250	10,530	10,600	10,190	880	1,030	1,060	7.7	8.9	9.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,540	4,860	4,870	4,850	4,110	4,200	690	750	670	12.5	15.4	13.8
Greenville	1,280	1,120	1,210	1,180	970	1,100	100	150	110	7.8	13.4	9.1
Houlton	6,260	6,060	6,370	5,850	5,550	5,970	410	450	400	6.5	7.5	6.3
Kittery-York 3/	29,400	28,650	27,800	29,090	28,340	27,360	310	310	440	1.1	1.1	1.6
Lincoln-Howland	5,580	5,480	5,360	5,190	5,010	5,020	390	470	340	7.0	8.6	6.3
Livermore Falls	4,620	4,560	4,640	4,310	4,250	4,280	310	310	360	6.7	6.8	7.8
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,170	3,830	4,560	3,810	3,480	4,210	360	350	350	8.6	9.1	7.7
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,500	4,480	4,560	4,220	4,190	4,310	280	290	250	6.2	6.5	5.5
Norway-Paris	11,760	11,460	11,350	11,070	10,720	10,680	690	740	670	5.9	6.5	5.9
Patten-Island Falls	2,890	2,630	2,410	2,700	2,370	2,250	190	260	160	6.6	9.9	6.6
Rockland	17,620	17,110	18,000	16,630	16,070	17,170	990	1,040	830	5.6	6.1	4.6
Rumford	8,240	8,410	8,370	7,600	7,740	7,690	640	670	680	7.8	8.0	8.1
Sanford	15,590	15,420	15,430	14,820	14,640	14,370	770	780	1,060	4.9	5.1	6.9
Sebago Lakes Region	13,050	12,540	11,050	12,650	12,150	10,630	400	390	420	3.1	3.1	3.8
Skowhegan	23,140	23,040	22,610	21,580	21,300	20,980	1,560	1,740	1,630	6.7	7.6	7.2
Southwest Penobscot	10,550	10,480	10,300	9,800	9,720	9,560	750	760	740	7.1	7.3	7.2
Waterville	22,100	21,840	22,190	20,900	20,880	21,100	1,200	960	1,090	5.4	4.4	4.9
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,730.4	1,728.3	n/a	1,669.8	1,642.1	n/a	60.5	86.2	n/a	3.5	5.0
Massachusetts	3,075.0	3,067.0	3,129.5	2,961.2	2,925.0	3,006.5	113.9	122.0	123.0	3.7	4.0	3.9
New Hampshire	571.7	562.5	542.0	553.4	544.5	520.1	18.3	14.0	21.9	3.2	3.2	4.0
Rhode Island	510.4	507.4	505.3	491.8	489.9	480.3	18.6	17.5	25.0	3.6	3.4	4.9
Vermont	284.7	282.2	278.3	272.2	269.4	265.8	12.5	12.8	12.5	4.4	4.5	4.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,690.7	6,741.6	n/a	6,430.8	6,445.1	n/a	259.9	296.5	n/a	3.9	4.4
UNITED STATES 4/	119,644	117,199	116,572	110,869	109,041	107,819	8,775	8,158	8,753	7.3	7.0	7.5

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	7,548	8,905	9,228	755	855	922	720	780	911
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.6	2.0	2.0	0.7	0.8	0.9	2.0	2.2	2.6

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

MAINE COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE DATA BY SIZE, MARCH 1985

Range	Private Only, Excluding All Government		
	Employers End of Mar.	March Employment	Total Wages Qtr. Ending Mar.
Total	31,590	347,942	$1,329,285,270
0-4	19,783	26,997	95,582,219
5-9	5,285	32,704	100,277,900
10-19	3,203	41,003	135,527,577
20-49	2,051	57,055	199,177,335
50-99	713	44,518	147,790,585
100-249	357	49,467	169,254,136
250-499	136	32,460	122,475,262
500-999	42	28,016	140,071,763
1,000 & over	20	35,722	219,128,493

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LABORNET: On-Line Electronic Data Retrieval System

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LABORNET users can access LMI of all kinds, including Decennial Census data, to assist with a broad range of socioeconomic decision-making. Industrial developers and companies considering a Maine location use LMI to evaluate the potential labor force available in an area, to study the age, gender, educational and occupational characteristics of the labor force, and to determine prevailing wage rates. Employment and training planners use LMI to develop training programs in occupations that have a high potential for job placement. LMI is also used by public policy makers at all levels of government to effectively allocate scarce resources.

LMI available on-line through **LABORNET** includes primary statistical research data resulting from joint federal/state cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). These are Current Employment Statistics (CES), Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), Occupational Employment Statistics (OES), Employment and Wages (ES-202 and Standard Industrial Coding) Report Program, and the Permanent Mass Layoff and Plant Closing Program. Also included from the BLS are data from the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Current Population Survey (CPS).

As a member of the federal/state group, the Maine Department of Labor receives Per Capita Income Data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Selected data on high school dropouts from the Maine Department of Educational and Cultural Services and data on welfare and food stamp recipients from the Maine Department of Human Services have also been incorporated into **LABORNET** for use by employment and training specialists.

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UI Initial Claims

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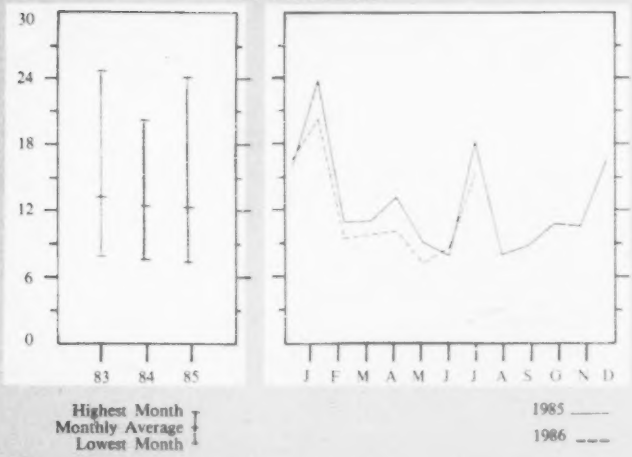

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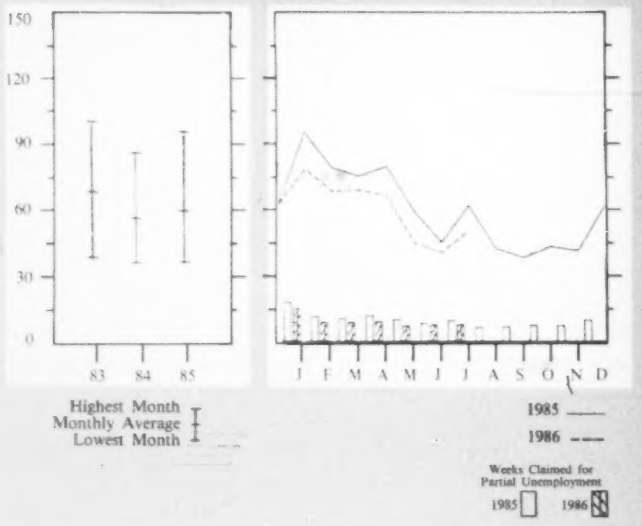

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Management information on the operations of Unemployment Compensation and the Job Service are on **LABORNET.**

Wage and employment data from the annual Wood Harvesting Wage Survey conducted by the Maine Department of Labor are included in the system.

News Releases on **LABORNET** provide timely analyses of state and local area economic conditions.

The Maine Department of Labor's Division of Economic Analysis and Research is the designated lead agency in Maine to provide direction and management to the State's Census Data Center Program. The program was initiated through a federal/state cooperative agreement between the U.S. Bureau of the Census and the Maine Department of Labor, Division of Economic Analysis and Research in 1983. The broad dissemination of Census data is a key provision of the agreement. This is accomplished through 28 affiliated regional data centers throughout the State, the release of printed material prepared by both the Census and the Division, and through **LABORNET.** One of the modules in **LABORNET** is called "CENSUS." Under "CENSUS" over 100,000 tables of Maine data can be accessed from the 1980 Census of Population and Housing. The 175 tables selected from the Summary Tape Files 2B and 3A are available for Maine, each county and labor market area, and all minor civil divisions in the State.

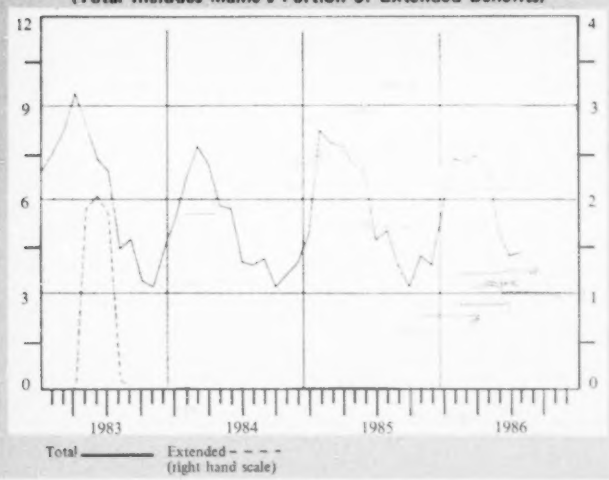
For more information concerning the operation of **LABORNET,** contact the **LABORNET** Coordinator at the Division of Economic Analysis and Research at (207) 289-2271.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

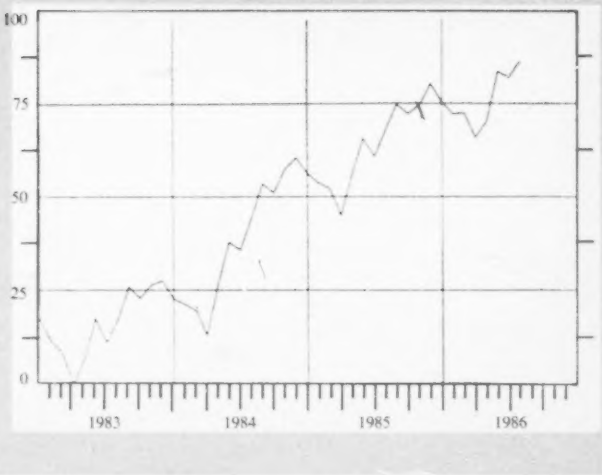
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	477.9	481.8	469.5	114.5	113.8	110.6	36.5	37.9	36.1
Total Manufacturing	100.1	105.9	100.5	16.5	17.0	15.9	9.7	10.7	9.9
Durable Goods	44.7	44.8	41.1	8.1	8.3	7.6	2.7	2.7	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	13.6	13.2	14.1	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.7	3.8	3.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	3.8	4.0	4.5	1.9	2.1	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.0	10.3	9.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.9	0.8	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.4	9.3	5.3	(d)	(d)	(d)	*	*	0.1
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.2	4.2	3.5	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Nondurable Goods	55.4	61.1	59.4	8.4	8.7	8.3	7.0	8.0	7.1
Food and Kindred Products	8.3	8.0	8.5	1.9	2.0	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	5.7	7.1	5.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.0	1.3	1.0
Apparel	3.5	4.1	3.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	16.8	17.8	18.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.6	0.6	0.6
Printing and Publishing	5.2	5.3	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.5
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.7	4.0	3.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.8	1.7
Leather and Leather Products	11.0	13.5	13.2	1.4	1.5	1.3	2.2	2.7	2.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.0	11.1	10.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.7	2.1	1.8
Other Leather Products	2.0	2.4	2.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.5	0.6	0.5
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.2	1.3	1.2	5.1	5.2	5.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	377.8	375.9	369.0	98.0	96.8	94.7	26.8	27.2	26.2
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	30.3	28.7	26.0	6.9	6.8	6.5	1.9	1.8	1.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.6	19.3	19.9	5.9	5.8	5.7	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	23.4	23.5	22.6	8.8	8.8	8.8	2.0	2.0	2.0
Retail Trade	96.2	94.3	94.2	25.1	24.3	24.3	6.9	7.0	6.7
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	23.3	22.9	21.3	10.8	10.6	9.7	2.0	2.0	1.9
Services	106.7	101.1	104.3	27.3	26.8	26.9	9.1	9.2	9.0
Government	78.1	85.9	80.5	13.2	13.7	12.8	3.5	3.8	3.4
Federal	18.6	18.6	18.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	59.5	67.3	61.8	11.4	11.9	11.1	3.2	3.5	3.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.2	0.4	4.6	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.0	*	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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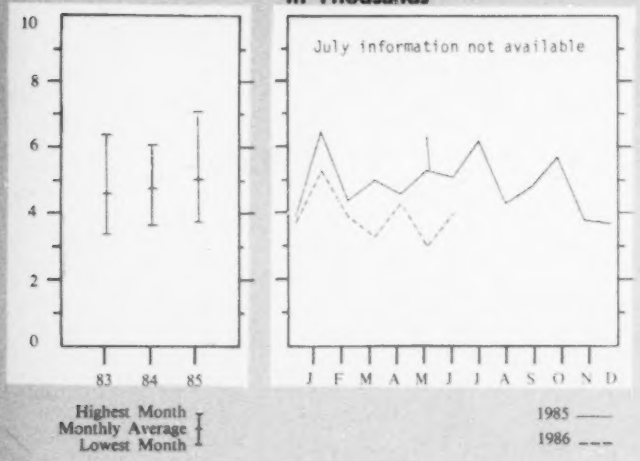
New Applications For Work

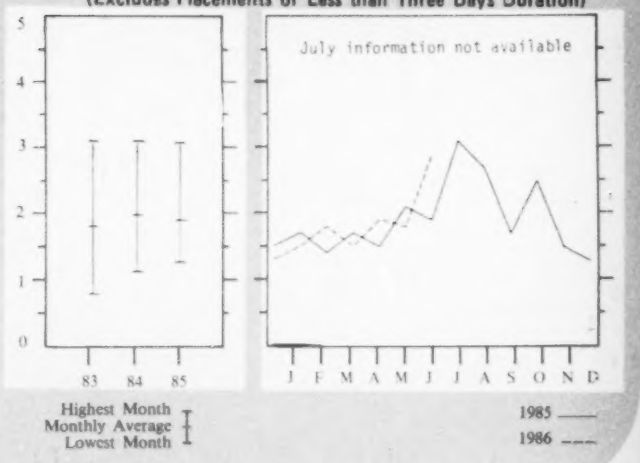
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1985	1984	1983
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$352.69	$348.84	$331.63	40.4	40.8	40.1	$8.73	$8.55	$8.27	$8.40	$8.05	$7.61
Durable Goods	335.02	340.68	323.60	39.6	40.8	40.0	8.46	8.35	8.09	8.46	8.22	8.04
Lumber and Wood Products	315.59	292.70	336.19	40.1	39.5	40.8	7.87	7.41	8.24	8.06	7.57	7.37
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Machinery, except Electrical	375.58	395.65	366.22	38.8	41.3	40.2	9.68	9.58	9.11	9.11	8.36	8.08
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	301.50	308.77	282.73	37.5	38.5	37.9	8.04	8.02	7.46	7.57	7.56	7.27
Other Durable Goods	376.26	394.55	328.84	41.9	43.5	40.9	8.98	9.07	8.04	9.50	9.51	9.31
Nondurable Goods	367.43	354.09	337.68	41.1	40.7	40.2	8.94	8.70	8.40	8.31	7.95	7.37
Food and Kindred Products	260.54	257.04	246.65	36.8	36.0	38.3	7.08	7.14	6.44	6.63	6.46	6.10
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Manufacturing	340.36	356.45	335.40	38.2	39.3	38.2	8.91	9.07	8.78	8.90	8.08	7.67
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	n/a	n/a	271.04	n/a	n/a	39.8	n/a	n/a	6.81	6.78	6.58	6.16

n/a series discontinued

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	254.6	250.5	250.3
Unemployed	18.8	15.1	19.2
(Percent)	7.4%	6.0%	7.7%
Resident Employed	235.8	235.4	231.1

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	328.0	327.9	322.8	327.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+0.2%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+1.6%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	585.3	572.3	577.3	552.5	544.3	542.7	32.8	28.0	34.6	5.6	4.9	6.0
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	40,400	39,700	40,700	38,400	37,800	38,600	2,000	1,900	2,100	5.0	4.8	5.2
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	40,600	40,400	40,500	37,000	38,000	36,700	3,600	2,400	3,800	8.9	5.9	9.4
Portland MSA	117,800	115,300	115,200	114,200	112,100	111,100	3,600	3,200	4,100	3.1	2.8	3.6
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	130,880	128,370	n/a	127,380	121,390	n/a	3,500	6,980	n/a	2.7	5.4
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	31,920	31,350	32,290	30,170	29,830	30,460	1,750	1,520	1,830	5.5	4.8	5.7
Bath-Brunswick	26,300	26,050	26,090	25,330	25,190	24,760	970	860	1,330	3.7	3.3	5.1
Belfast	11,410	11,130	11,780	10,480	10,240	10,440	930	890	1,340	8.2	8.0	11.4
Biddeford	27,560	27,140	27,470	25,880	26,030	25,620	1,680	1,110	1,850	6.1	4.1	6.7
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	15,020	14,100	14,990	14,560	13,620	14,510	460	480	480	3.1	3.4	3.2
Calais-Eastport	14,140	13,470	13,390	12,840	12,140	12,330	1,300	1,330	1,060	9.2	9.9	7.9
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,720	22,290	21,800	20,710	20,670	20,090	2,010	1,620	1,710	8.8	7.3	7.8
Central Penobscot	2,820	2,940	2,770	2,620	2,760	2,530	200	180	240	7.1	6.1	8.7
Dover-Foxcroft	6,530	6,640	6,420	6,070	6,260	5,910	460	380	510	7.0	5.7	7.9
Ellsworth	26,050	24,120	25,550	24,950	22,900	24,460	1,100	1,220	1,090	4.2	5.1	4.3
Farmington	12,050	11,410	11,710	11,030	10,530	10,620	1,020	880	1,090	8.5	7.7	9.3
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,620	5,540	5,380	5,180	4,850	4,870	440	690	510	7.8	12.5	9.5
Greenville	1,360	1,280	1,250	1,270	1,180	1,160	90	100	90	6.6	7.8	7.2
Houlton	6,310	6,260	6,310	5,850	5,850	5,840	460	410	470	7.3	6.5	7.4
Kittery-York 3/	30,020	29,400	28,390	29,590	29,090	27,920	430	310	470	1.4	1.1	1.7
Lincoln-Howland	5,610	5,580	5,520	5,220	5,190	5,100	390	390	420	7.0	7.0	7.6
Livermore Falls	4,780	4,620	5,020	4,430	4,310	4,620	350	310	400	7.3	6.7	8.0
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,970	4,170	4,010	3,660	3,810	3,730	310	360	280	7.8	8.6	7.0
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,530	4,500	4,620	4,200	4,220	4,430	330	280	190	7.3	6.2	4.1
Norway-Paris	12,470	11,760	12,070	11,650	11,070	11,240	820	690	830	6.6	5.9	6.9
Patten-Island Falls	3,010	2,890	2,700	2,840	2,700	2,560	170	190	140	5.6	6.6	5.2
Rockland	17,790	17,620	18,650	16,980	16,630	17,730	810	990	920	4.6	5.6	4.9
Rumford	8,640	8,240	8,700	7,620	7,600	7,980	1,020	640	720	11.8	7.8	8.3
Sanford	15,740	15,590	16,070	14,790	14,820	14,740	950	770	1,330	6.0	4.9	8.3
Sebago Lakes Region	14,900	13,050	12,810	14,380	12,650	12,310	520	400	500	3.5	3.1	3.9
Skowhegan	22,860	23,140	22,420	20,530	21,580	20,190	2,330	1,560	2,230	10.2	6.7	9.9
Southwest Penobscot	9,910	10,550	10,110	8,870	9,800	8,860	1,040	750	1,250	10.5	7.1	12.4
Waterville	22,410	22,100	22,570	21,190	20,900	21,340	1,220	1,200	1,230	5.4	5.4	5.4
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,765.1	1,720.2	n/a	1,699.4	1,629.0	n/a	65.7	91.2	n/a	3.7	5.3
Massachusetts	3,143.0	3,075.0	3,116.7	3,023.0	2,961.2	2,983.0	120.0	113.9	133.7	3.8	3.7	4.3
New Hampshire	576.0	571.7	553.0	554.5	553.4	524.7	21.5	18.3	28.3	3.7	3.2	5.1
Rhode Island	504.3	510.4	502.8	483.9	491.8	473.9	20.4	18.6	28.9	4.0	3.6	5.7
Vermont	285.1	284.7	277.1	273.9	272.2	264.7	11.2	12.5	12.4	3.9	4.4	4.5
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,779.3	6,747.1	n/a	6,522.3	6,418.0	n/a	257.0	329.1	n/a	3.8	4.9
UNITED STATES 4/	120,303	119,644	117,536	111,832	110,869	108,854	8,471	8,775	8,682	7.0	7.3	7.4

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	11,801	7,548	13,986	908	755	1,483	1,854	720	2,069
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.6	1.6	3.0	0.9	0.7	1.5	5.3	2.0	6.0

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

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AVERAGE ANNUAL PAY BY STATE AND INDUSTRY, 1985

The average annual pay of workers covered by state and federal unemployment insurance (UI) programs was $19,186 in 1985, a 4.5 percent increase over 1984, according to preliminary data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor

Annual pay data are compiled from reports submitted by employers under UI programs for over 96 million full- and part-time workers. Average annual pay is computed by dividing total annual payrolls of employers covered by unemployment insurance programs by average monthly employment for these employees.

The state of Alaska had the highest average annual pay of any state at $28,699. The District of Columbia came next with an average annual pay level at $26,160, followed by Michigan ($21,969), New York ($21,901), and Connecticut ($21,226). South Dakota had the lowest average annual pay level at $13,987, with Mississippi ($14,951) and Maine ($15,428) having the next lowest.

The highest percentage increases in average annual pay were experienced in the Northeast in 1985. Massachusetts led the nation with an average annual pay increase over 1984 of 6.6 percent, followed by New Hampshire at 6.4 percent, and Connecticut and New Jersey with 6.1 percent. Maine's average annual pay increase was 3.9 percent.

Average annual pay varied widely by industry. Nationally, workers in the mining industry, which includes oil and gas extraction, earned the highest pay at $31,326. On the other end of the scale, retail trade workers -- many of whom work part-time -- earned the lowest average annual pay at $10,732.

The finance, insurance, and real estate industry led all private sector industries with an increase of 7.7 percent in average annual pay between 1984 and 1985. The manufacturing industries had the second largest annual increase of 5.7 percent. Construction showed the slowest pay growth at 2.9 percent.

In Maine, workers in transportation, communication, and public utilities earned the highest pay at $20,862, while retail trade workers earned the least at $9,583. The finance, insurance, and real estate industry experienced the highest annual percentage pay hike at 5.8 percent, while the mining industry had a negative change of 5.0 percent.

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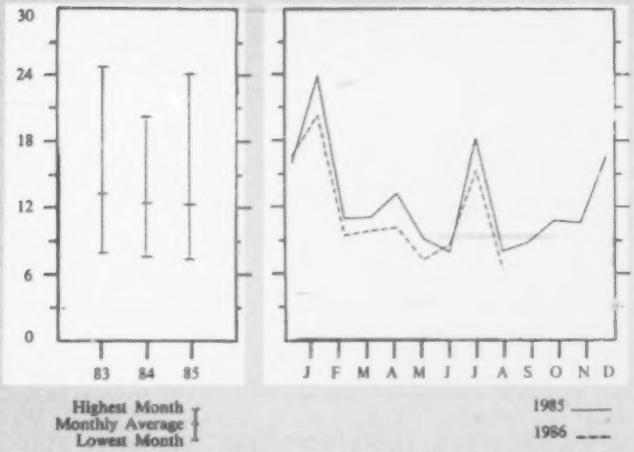
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed
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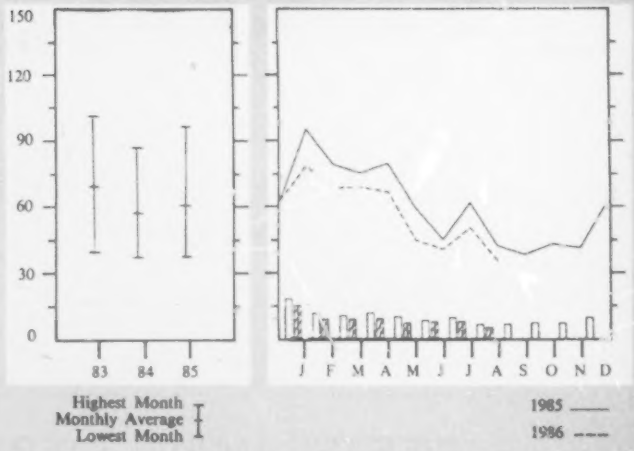

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AVERAGE ANNUAL PAY FOR 1984 AND 1985 AND PERCENT CHANGE FOR ALL WORKERS, UNITED STATES AND MAINE

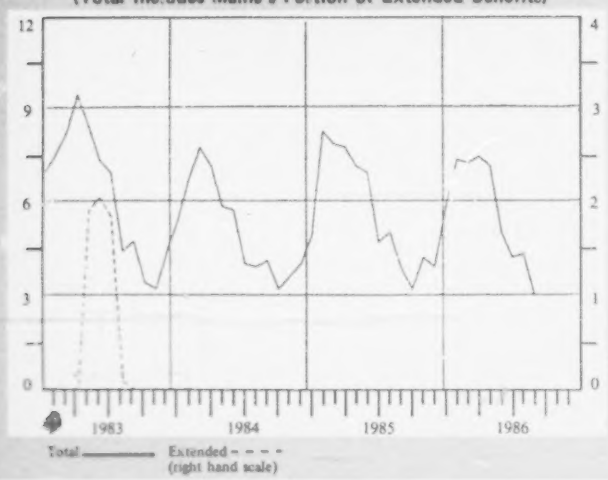
	United States			Maine		
	1984	1985	Change	1984	1985	Change
TOTAL	$18,353	$19,186	+4.5%	$14,850	$15,482	+3.9%
Mining	30,157	31,326	+3.9	17,828	16,931	-5.0
Construction	20,746	21,351	+2.9	16,474	16,940	+2.8
Manufacturing	22,575	23,859	+5.7	18,287	19,135	+4.6
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	24,696	25,664	+3.9	20,307	20,862	+2.7
Wholesale Trade	22,736	23,767	+4.5	18,215	19,068	+4.7
Retail Trade	10,408	10,732	+3.1	9,229	9,583	+3.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	20,720	22,306	+7.7	17,176	18,180	+5.8
Services	16,068	16,840	+4.8	12,507	13,146	+5.1
Government	19,232	20,250	+5.3	15,584	16,386	+5.1

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



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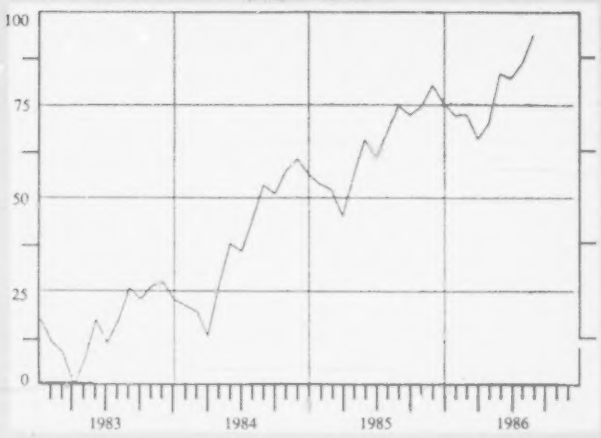
(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	485.6	477.9	476.4	115.5	114.5	110.6	37.7	36.5	37.1
Total Manufacturing	107.4	100.1	106.5	17.0	16.5	16.1	10.6	9.7	10.8
Durable Goods	45.9	44.7	42.1	8.3	8.1	7.6	2.8	2.7	2.8
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	14.1	13.6	15.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.8	3.7	4.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9
Machinery, except Electrical	3.8	3.8	4.5	2.1	1.9	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.3	10.0	9.6	3.5	3.6	3.3	0.9	0.9	0.9
Transportation Equipment	9.6	9.4	5.1	(d)	(d)	(d)	*	*	*
Other Durable Goods 3/	4.3	4.2	3.9	1.2	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
Nondurable Goods	61.5	55.4	64.4	8.7	8.4	8.5	7.8	7.0	8.0
Food and Kindred Products	9.9	8.3	9.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.1	5.7	7.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	1.0	1.3
Apparel	4.1	3.5	4.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	16.9	16.8	18.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.6	0.6	0.6
Printing and Publishing	5.2	5.2	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.5
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.6	3.7	3.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.6	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	13.4	11.0	14.9	1.6	1.4	1.5	2.7	2.2	2.7
Footwear (except Rubber)	11.0	9.0	12.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.1	1.7	2.1
Other Leather Products	2.4	2.0	2.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.5	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	1.3	1.2	1.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	378.2	377.8	369.9	98.5	98.0	94.5	27.1	26.8	26.3
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	30.2	30.3	26.2	6.9	6.9	6.5	2.0	1.9	2.0
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.9	19.6	20.0	6.1	5.9	5.8	1.4	1.4	1.3
Wholesale Trade	23.6	23.4	23.0	8.9	8.8	8.7	2.0	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	96.4	95.2	94.9	25.2	25.1	24.4	7.0	6.9	6.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	23.4	23.3	21.4	10.8	10.8	9.7	2.1	2.0	1.9
Services	106.8	106.7	105.1	27.6	27.3	26.8	9.1	9.1	9.0
Government	77.7	78.1	79.1	13.0	13.2	12.6	3.5	3.5	3.4
Federal	18.3	18.6	18.6	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local 5/	59.4	59.5	60.5	11.2	11.4	10.9	3.2	3.2	3.1
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1.3	1.2	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

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New Applications For Work

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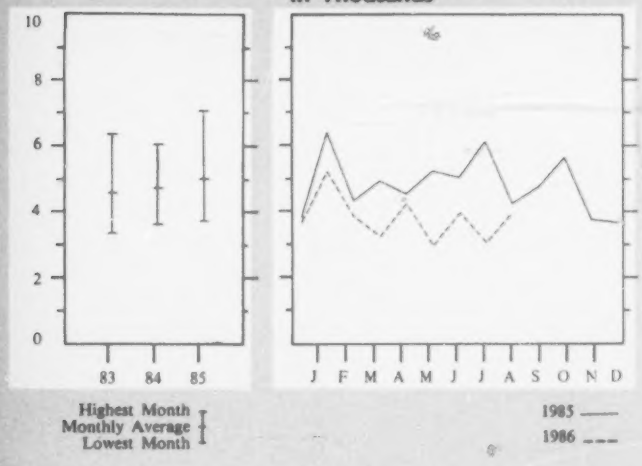
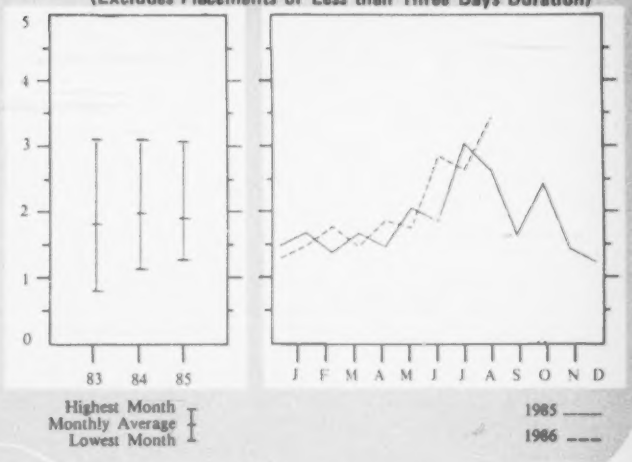


Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1985	1984	1983
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$351.78	$352.69	$328.45	41.0	40.4	40.3	$8.58	$8.73	$8.15	$8.40	$8.05	$7.61
Durable Goods	348.91	335.02	330.08	41.0	39.6	40.6	8.51	8.46	8.13	8.46	8.22	8.04
Lumber and Wood Products	314.72	315.59	343.99	40.4	40.1	41.0	7.79	7.87	8.39	8.06	7.57	7.37
Primary and Fabricated Metals	362.50	318.76	331.28	41.1	36.1	40.4	8.82	8.83	8.20	8.25	7.89	7.75
Machinery, except Electrical	383.72	375.58	364.83	39.6	38.8	40.9	9.69	9.68	8.92	9.11	8.36	8.08
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	328.35	301.50	288.00	39.8	37.5	38.4	8.25	8.04	7.50	7.57	7.56	7.27
Other Durable Goods	390.44	376.26	335.33	43.0	41.9	42.5	9.08	8.98	7.89	9.50	9.51	9.31
Nondurable Goods	353.42	367.43	326.00	41.0	41.1	40.0	8.62	8.94	8.15	8.31	7.95	7.37
Food and Kindred Products	262.94	260.54	249.80	39.6	36.8	39.4	6.64	7.08	6.34	6.53	6.46	6.10
Textile Mill Products	312.14	304.10	275.93	42.7	41.6	41.0	7.31	7.31	6.73	6.64	6.13	5.87
Apparel	215.80	222.96	204.05	37.4	40.1	35.0	5.77	5.56	5.83	5.83	5.55	5.39
Paper and Allied Products	586.24	593.10	545.23	45.8	46.3	44.4	12.80	12.81	12.28	12.25	11.62	10.95
Leather and Leather Products	220.10	222.64	215.76	36.5	37.8	37.2	6.03	5.89	5.80	5.93	5.80	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	328.78	313.63	284.06	41.2	39.5	38.7	7.98	7.94	7.34	7.51	7.11	6.60
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	355.68	340.36	338.82	39.0	38.2	38.9	9.12	8.91	8.71	8.90	8.08	7.67
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	n/a	n/a	258.41	n/a	n/a	38.8	n/a	n/a	6.66	6.78	6.58	6.16

n/a Series discontinued

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	253.1	254.6	248.4
Unemployed	13.9	18.8	14.3
(Percent)	5.5%	7.4%	5.8%
Resident Employed	239.2	235.8	234.1

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	328.6	328.0	323.5	327.4

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.2%
Percent Change from Last December	+0.4%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+1.6%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide	583.6	585.3	570.0	559.1	552.5	544.7	24.5	32.8	25.3	4.2	5.6	4.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	39,900	40,400	40,000	38,100	38,400	38,400	1,800	2,000	1,600	4.5	5.0	4.0
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	39,800	40,600	39,500	37,500	37,000	37,100	2,300	3,600	2,400	5.8	8.9	6.1
Portland MSA	116,800	117,800	113,100	114,000	114,200	110,100	2,800	3,600	3,000	2.4	3.1	2.7
Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA 3/	n/a	133,330	125,310	n/a	128,060	121,150	n/a	5,250	4,160	n/a	3.9	3.3
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	31,380	31,920	31,320	30,040	30,170	30,030	1,340	1,750	1,290	4.3	5.5	4.1
Bath-Brunswick	26,070	26,300	24,910	25,340	25,330	23,880	730	970	1,030	2.8	3.7	4.1
Belfast	11,280	11,410	11,170	10,410	10,480	10,200	870	930	970	7.7	8.2	8.7
Biddeford	27,100	27,560	26,470	26,150	25,880	25,460	950	1,680	1,010	3.5	6.1	3.8
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	14,960	15,020	16,120	14,570	14,560	15,680	390	460	440	2.6	3.1	2.7
Calais-Eastport	17,040	14,140	16,080	16,000	12,840	15,220	1,040	1,300	860	6.1	9.2	5.3
Caribou-Presque Isle	22,030	22,720	21,180	20,360	20,710	19,660	1,670	2,010	1,520	7.6	8.8	7.2
Central Penobscot	2,760	2,820	2,680	2,590	2,620	2,510	170	200	170	6.2	7.1	6.3
Dover-Foxcroft	6,470	6,530	6,190	6,020	6,070	5,860	450	460	330	7.0	7.0	5.3
Ellsworth	27,050	26,050	26,120	26,150	24,950	25,280	900	1,100	840	3.3	4.2	3.2
Farmington	11,300	12,050	11,490	10,540	11,030	10,560	760	1,020	930	6.7	8.5	8.1
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,440	5,620	5,130	5,070	5,180	4,760	370	440	370	6.8	7.8	7.2
Greenville	1,360	1,360	1,220	1,290	1,270	1,150	70	90	70	5.1	6.6	5.7
Houlton	6,210	6,310	6,170	5,810	5,850	5,770	400	460	400	6.4	7.3	6.5
Kittery-York 3/	30,190	30,020	28,480	29,860	29,590	28,190	330	430	290	1.1	1.4	1.0
Lincoln-Howland	5,600	5,610	5,330	5,280	5,220	5,050	320	390	280	5.7	7.0	5.3
Livermore Falls	4,560	4,780	4,770	4,300	4,430	4,440	260	350	330	5.7	7.3	6.9
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,860	3,970	3,890	3,580	3,660	3,640	280	310	250	7.3	7.8	6.4
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,380	4,530	4,470	4,110	4,200	4,310	270	330	160	6.2	7.3	3.6
Norway-Paris	12,090	12,470	11,630	11,480	11,650	11,010	610	820	620	5.0	6.6	5.3
Patten-Island Falls	2,980	3,010	2,640	2,810	2,840	2,510	170	170	130	5.7	5.6	4.9
Rockland	18,110	17,790	18,620	17,490	16,980	17,830	620	810	790	3.4	4.6	4.2
Rumford	8,240	8,640	8,270	7,690	7,620	7,680	550	1,020	590	6.7	11.8	7.1
Sanford	15,620	15,740	15,560	14,910	14,790	14,580	710	950	980	4.5	6.0	6.3
Sebago Lakes Region	15,030	14,900	13,240	14,620	14,380	12,860	410	520	380	2.7	3.5	2.9
Skowhegan	23,340	22,860	21,980	21,990	20,530	20,430	1,350	2,330	1,550	5.8	10.2	7.1
Southwest Penobscot	10,100	9,910	10,010	9,410	8,870	9,310	690	1,040	700	6.8	10.5	7.0
Waterville	22,660	22,410	22,270	21,660	21,190	21,220	1,000	1,220	1,050	4.4	5.4	4.7
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,781.0	1,721.4	n/a	1,708.1	1,638.4	n/a	72.9	83.0	n/a	4.1	4.8
Massachusetts	3,161.5	3,143.0	3,107.9	3,044.6	3,023.0	2,993.5	116.9	120.0	114.4	3.7	3.8	3.7
New Hampshire	564.8	576.0	547.1	548.3	554.5	527.3	16.5	21.5	19.8	2.9	3.7	3.6
Rhode Island	508.4	504.3	500.6	491.4	483.9	477.9	17.0	20.4	22.7	3.3	4.0	4.5
Vermont	287.4	285.1	275.4	277.3	273.9	264.4	10.1	11.2	11.0	3.5	3.9	4.0
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	6,874.7	6,722.4	n/a	6,595.9	6,446.2	n/a	278.8	276.2	n/a	4.1	4.1
UNITED STATES 4/	119,471	120,303	116,679	111,515	111,832	108,628	7,955	8,471	8,051	6.7	7.0	6.9

MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

4/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	6,950	11,801	7,901	714	908	880	796	1,854	861
Insured Unemployment Rate *	1.5	2.6	1.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	2.3	5.3	2.5

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	11.2	*	8.0
Clerical and Sales	19.2	*	17.8
Service	11.7	*	8.6
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.1	*	1.7
Processing	6.1	*	4.6
Machine Trades	13.2	*	16.1
Benchwork	13.2	*	21.3
Structural Work	10.4	*	9.8
Miscellaneous	13.9	*	12.1

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	56.0	53.3	57.3
Under 22	5.0	5.3	6.2
22-24	8.6	8.4	9.7
25-34	29.7	27.7	29.9
35-39	12.7	11.9	11.5
Total 40 and Over	44.0	46.7	42.7
40-44	10.4	9.5	9.0
45-54	14.8	14.0	13.7
55-64	11.3	10.4	11.0
65 and Over	7.5	12.8	9.0

* Information not available.

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